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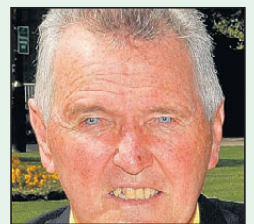
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Lloyd Isgrove, centre, has just scored the only goal at Bournemouth.

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Real Madrid v Barca - the strikers

THE arrival of James Rodriguez at Real Madrid this week means the European champions can boast a front three that is unparalleled at nearly every other club in the world.

Arguably, the only combination which comes close to the Cristiano Ronaldo-Gareth Bale-Rodriguez attacking force is the one put together by their bitter rivals Barcelona, who have added Luis Suarez this summer alongside Lionel Messi and Neymar.

Here, the Sports Pink assesses the credentials of both forward lines.

COST

Barcelona: Luis Suarez (£75million), Neymar (£50million), Messi (nothing) **TOTAL:** £125million

Real Madrid: Cristiano Ronaldo (£80million), Gareth Bale (£86million), James Rodriguez (£63million)

TOTAL: Real Madrid £229million

The obvious disadvantage in this is that Barcelona did not buy Messi, so his true worth on the transfer market is unknown. Given his status, though, it would be a fair to assume that he would be the first footballer in history to break the £100million barrier.

VERDICT: Even assuming Messi would sell for a nine-figure sum, Real Madrid would still just edge it.



NEW SIGNING: James Rodriguez.

HONOURS

Barcelona: Luis Suarez - Three major honours (One Dutch league title, one Dutch Cup, one League Cup); Lionel Messi - 14 major honours (Six Spanish league titles, two Copa del Rey, three Champions Leagues, two Super Cups, one Club World Cup); Neymar - Two major honours (One Copa do Brasil, one Copa Libertadores)

TOTAL: 19 major honours

Real Madrid: Cristiano Ronaldo - 12 major honours (Three Premier Leagues, one FA Cup, two League Cups, two Champions Leagues, 1 Spanish league title, two Copa del Rey, one Club World Cup); Gareth

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Saints Spotlight

SAINTS CARRY

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SAINTS made it four wins from four in pre-season as they won the south coast derby with Bournemouth 1-0 last night.

A first half glancing header from Lloyd Isgrove proved to be the difference between the teams in a game of few chances.

Ronald Koeman was able to give a first game on English soil to summer signing Dusan Tadic while Graziano Pelle also played.

Saints looked comfortable in possession and bagged yet another victory as they head into two final friendlies against Brighton next Thursday and Bayer Leverkusen on August 9 before kicking off their Premier League campaign against Liverpool at Anfield.

It was a fairly subdued start to the game with Saints content to knock the ball around at will and dominate possession in the late evening sunshine.

They created the first chance on seven minutes as James Ward-Prowse whipped in a fizzing inswinging right footed corner at head height.

Maya Yoshida made the run to the near post, losing his marker in the process, but failed to make any connection from a good position.

Gaston Ramirez tried his luck on 13 minutes, cutting in from the right wing and unleashing a curling left footed shot that dipped but just over the bar.

Eventually Saints' pressure paid off as they took the lead on 20 minutes.

Nathaniel Clyne was played in down the right and wasted no time in whipping in a curling right footed cross.

Intelligent

Isgrove made an intelligent darting run in front of a static Bournemouth defender and produced a deft touch from a diving header from ten yards out to flick it into the bottom corner.

Saints could, and maybe should, have doubled their lead just three minutes later.

Steven Davis produced a neat reverse pass on the edge of the area that perfectly picked out Graziano Pelle in prime position.

He was one-on-one with Benji Buchel but could only fire his shot into the onrushing keeper.

Cherries had penalty appeals turned down as Callum Wilson's attempted cut back was blocked in the area by Ward-Prowse but it was adjudged to have hit his chest.

Ward-Prowse was in action at the other end moments later and almost embarrassed Buchel.

The Cherries keeper looked to have the Saints midfielder's driven



EYES ON THE BALL: Dusan Tadic, left, waits for a set piece. Lloyd Isgrove, below left, and Steven Davis, below right, in action at The Goldsands last night.



low 25 yard shot easily covered as he dived down to his right to smother it but it spilled out and threatened to squirm over the line before he recovered it.

Artur Boruc had his first meaningful action of the half on 40 minutes as he was forced into a double save.

Firstly he had to back peddle quickly to dive full length to his right and punch clear Josh McQuoid's cross which took a wicked deflection and was looping into the far corner.

Cherries recovered the ball and Charlie Daniels fired in a fizzing shot from the edge of the area that the Saints keeper pushed wide.

Those proved to be the last chances of a half that Saints had dominated.

It was not a game of too many chances but Saints were good value for their lead at the break.

Saints made one switch at the break with Jack Cork coming on for Ramirez, who had got a first 45 minutes of pre-season under his belt.

Cherries also made a substitution and the man they brought on, Matt Ritchie, threatened with a shot from distance but it was sliced just wide.

Saints made a triple change on 61 minutes with Jos Hooiveld, Sam McQueen and Harrison Reed coming on for Maya Yoshida, Dusan Tadic, who had had a quiet game, and Steven Davis.

The game was in a bit of a lull in the second half with both sides somewhat cancelling each other out, especially considering the

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Saints Spotlight



ON WINNING



CLIMBING HIGH: Graziano Pelle comes off second best. Right – Lloyd Isgrove scores the first half winner.



ON THE BALL: Dusan Tadic.

number of changes Saints had made.

To be brutally honest, it was pretty dull.

Saints did get a decent position for an inswinging free kick from the left but Isgrove fired it over everybody and it went harmlessly behind.

Eddie Howe decided to make six changes at once on 71 minutes as Simon Francis, Harry Arter, Brett Pitman, Junior Stanislas, Ian Harte and ex-AFC Totton loanee Bailly Carrill replaced Adam Smith,

McQuoid, Yann Kermorgant Steve Cook, Marc Pugh and Daniels.

Cork picked up a misplaced Bournemouth pass as the new men settled in and broke forward but sliced his shot well wide of the target.

Koeman made three further substitutions on 76 minutes as he brought on Sam Gallagher, Jack Stephens and Emmanuel Mayuka for Pelle, Ward-Prowse and Isgrove.

That meant Gallagher leading the line with Mayuka out wide on the

left and McQueen on the right.

Unsurprisingly the further changes did little to lift the tempo of the game.

It was very flat and, without stating the obvious, very pre-season.

With ten minutes remaining the second half was still awaiting a first proper chance from either side.

Yet another double change from Cherries added to the increasing sense of frustration as Ben Whitfield and Sam Matthews came on for Dan Gosling and Eunan O'Kane.

McQueen tried to make something happen as he cut in from the right and let fly with a left footed shot that took a slight deflection and flew over the bar.

Stephens showed good composure for Saints as a dangerous right wing cross threatened to cause problems.

Stephens was facing his own goal on the edge of the six yard box but managed to calmly take one touch to bring it under control and a second to get rid of it and preserve Saints' lead.

Cherries so nearly bagged an equaliser with two minutes remaining as Ian Harte's inswinging free kick was turned home by a glancing header from Pitman but the linesman's flag was raised for offside and it was duly ruled out.

The fourth official held up the board to show there would be four added minutes for Saints to see out to keep their winning start to pre-season going.

Ritchie tried to end it by finding the far corner but put it wide before Buchel was in action to stop an own goal after Arter guided Clyne's cross towards his own net.

When the final whistle went though it was another pre-season win for Koeman's men and further Saints bragging rights on the south coast.

Teams

Saints (4-2-3-1) Boruc, Clyne, Fonte, Yoshida, Targett, S Davis, Ward-Prowse, Tadic, Ramirez, Isgrove, Pelle.

Subs: K Davis, Stephens, Hooiveld, McCarthy, Flannigan, Cork, Reed, McQueen, Sharp, Mayuka, Gallagher.

Bournemouth (4-2-3-1): Buchel, Smith, Cook, Elphick, Daniels, McQuoid, Gosling, O'Kane, Pugh, Kermorgant, Wilson.

Madrid v Barca

From facing page

Bale - Two major honours (One Copa del Rey, one Champions League); James Rodriguez - Five major honours (Three Portuguese league titles, one Taca de Portugal, one Europa League)

TOTAL: 19 major honours

VERDICT: Remarkably, the two sets of players have won the same amount of major trophies.

With both respectively spearheaded by Messi (14) and Ronaldo (12) and the relative youth of Neymar, Bale and Rodriguez, you can expect that number to grow and grow.

GOALS SCORED (from last three seasons)

Barcelona: Luis Suarez - 78 goals (in 120 games) - Strike rate of 0.65 goals per game; Lionel Messi - 162 goals (in 138 games) - 1.17 goals a game; Neymar - 93 goals (in 154 games) - 0.60 goals per game
TOTAL: 337 goals between them in the last three seasons. Average strike rate of 0.85 goals a game.



GARETH BALE

Real Madrid: Cristiano Ronaldo - 156 goals (in 148 games) - 1.05 goals a game; James Rodriguez - 34 goals (in 100 games) - 0.34 goals a game; Gareth Bale - 60 goals (in 126 games) - 0.48 goals a game.

TOTAL: 250 goals between them in the past three seasons- 0.67 average a game

VERDICT: Barcelona comfortably. The goals scored was always going to be lop-sided in Barcelona's favour, with the superior striking power of Suarez and Neymar providing more goals than the more creative role Rodriguez favours, despite his World Cup burst that saw him take the Golden Boot.

With Bale's goals increasing every season, though, do not be surprised if Madrid's strikers start outscoring their Catalan counterparts in a couple of seasons.

ASSISTS (from last season)

Barcelona - Luis Suarez 12, Lionel Messi 11, Neymar 8 **TOTAL: 31**
Real Madrid - Cristiano Ronaldo 9, Gareth Bale 12, James Rodriguez 12 **TOTAL: 33 assists**

VERDICT: Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti will hope the addition of Rodriguez to his illustrious attacking force will create more space for the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale to profit from.

That Madrid just had more assists from their front three compared to Barca's may be the crucial difference between the sides.

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Did You Know?

Rory's glories

RORY McIlroy's victory in the Open Championship at Royal Liverpool gave the 25-year-old his third major title and completed three-quarters of the career Grand Slam.

Here, the Sports Pink shows McIlroy's place in the record books and what he still needs to achieve:

MOST MAJOR WINS

18 Jack Nicklaus
14 Tiger Woods
11 Walter Hagen
9 Ben Hogan, Gary Player
8 Tom Watson,
7 Harry Vardon, Gene Sarazen, Bobby Jones, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer
6 Lee Trevino, Nick Faldo
5 James Braid, JH Taylor, Byron Nelson, Peter Thomson, Seve Ballesteros, Phil Mickelson,
4 Willie Park Sr, Tom Morris Sr, Tom Morris Jr, Willie Anderson Jr, Jim Barnes, Bobby Locke, Ray Floyd, Ernie Els,
3 Jamie Anderson, Bob Ferguson, Tommy Armour, Denny Shute, Ralph Guldahl, Henry Cotton, Jimmy Demaret, Cary Middlecoff, Julius Boros, Billy Casper, Larry Nelson, Nick Price, Hale Irwin, Payne Stewart, Vijay Singh, Padraig Harrington, RORY McILROY



WINNERS OF ALL FOUR MAJORS

Gene Sarazen - 1922 US Open, 1922 US PGA, 1932 Open, 1935 Masters (40 events)
Ben Hogan - 1946 US PGA, 1948 US Open, 1951 Masters, 1953 Open (28)
Gary Player - 1959 Open, 1961 Masters, 1962 US PGA, 1965 US Open (24)
Jack Nicklaus - 1962 US Open, 1963 Masters, 1963 US PGA, 1966 Open (18)
Tiger Woods - 1997 Masters, 1999 US PGA, 2000 US Open, 2000 Open (15)
Figure in brackets is total number of potentially playable majors between first and last win.

WINNERS OF THREE DIFFERENT MAJORS

(Event in brackets is major title needed to complete Grand Slam)
Walter Hagen (Masters)
Jim Barnes (Masters)
Tommy Armour (Masters)
Byron Nelson (Open)
Sam Snead (US Open)
Arnold Palmer (US PGA)
Lee Trevino (Masters)
Tom Watson (US PGA)
Ray Floyd (Open)
Phil Mickelson (US Open)
RORY McILROY (Masters)

LOWEST WINNING TOTAL IN RELATION TO PAR (all majors)

19 under - Tiger Woods, Open (2000)
18 under - Nick Faldo, Open (1990); Tiger Woods, Masters (1997); Tiger Woods, US PGA (2000); Tiger Woods, Open (2006); Tiger Woods, US PGA (2006)
17 under - Jack Nicklaus, Masters (1965); Ray Floyd, Masters (1976); Steve Elkington, US PGA (1995); RORY McILROY, Open (2014)

MISSING LINK?

RICKIE Lambert hopes he is the missing link which will get Liverpool over the line in the Barclays Premier League title.

The Reds came agonisingly close to ending their 24-year quest to win the championship last season with their challenge faltering in the final week as Manchester City swept past to take top spot.

While Golden Boot winner Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge provided the goals which sustained their challenge Liverpool were left desperately looking for an alternative option in a key match at home to fellow challengers Chelsea.

Jose Mourinho's side frustrated their hosts for long periods and could not be broken down in a pivotal 2-0 defeat which not only ended an 11-game winning streak but also dented confidence.

The visitors' massed ranks of defence kept out the trickery and speed of Suarez and Sturridge and left manager Brendan Rodgers crying out for a different option.

Former Saints talisman Lambert's surprise return to the club he left as a trainee at least provides the Reds boss with something different and the England international is keen to contribute.

"To be honest, I wasn't expecting a chance at Liverpool but I have got it," said Lambert.

"Now that I've got it I will do everything to not let it go and I am more than confident that I will take the chance and I will be able to improve my game again.

"I am mentally prepared for almost anything. I've experienced a lot of ups and downs and I believe I am at a time in my life when anything happens I can get the most out of it.

"I know what matters is what I do on the pitch and the minutes I play (and my job is) to help push the club forward.

"Whatever role Brendan has for me I just hope I can help them push on and hopefully clinch the title.

"I can't wait to get

THE MISSING LINK? Rickie Lambert on his Liverpool debut at Preston last week-end.

started. I want to hit the ground running, I want to start well and I believe I will."

A quirk of the fixture computer sees Lambert's former club Saints up first at Anfield on the opening weekend of the season.

When he left St Mary's in June - with the best wishes of the management who realised they could not deny him a return to his boyhood club - the striker wrote an open letter to fans thanking them for their support.

He also stressed how important Saints, for whom he scored 117 goals in 235 appearances, including 28 goals in 75 Premier League matches, had been to his career.

"When I grew up there was only one club I loved," he added.

"I can honestly say now I have two clubs which will always be in my heart and that is thanks to the Saints fans.

"The Southampton fans have been brilliant. They knew what Liverpool meant to me and they know it has always been my boyhood club.

"The development I have had has been unbelievable and that is full credit to the people at Southampton.

"I'll never forget what they have done for me and I can't thank them enough."

A new chapter awaits for Lambert, however, and he intends to make the most of his second chance with the Merseysiders.

"I'm going to get fitter. I'm going to do everything I can to get onto the next level now. Even though I'm 32, I feel like a kid again," he said.

"It's not just playing for Liverpool it is the fact I'm coming home.

"I've been away for eight years.

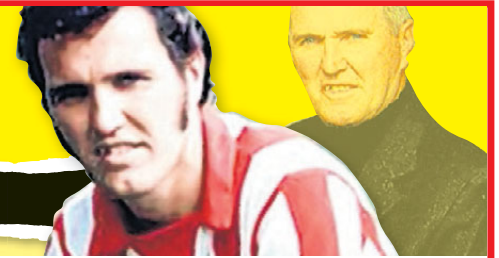
"All my dreams and wishes have come true in the end."



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Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



SPURS MARK II?

"It's always difficult when you bring so many players in to predict how well they'll do. You have to integrate more, your squad is always a balance, and there's a bit more risk." – Arsene Wenger.

When Arsene Wenger said this at the start of last season, with reference to Tottenham buying a lot of players after the sale of Gareth Bale, he was roundly criticized for being jealous of the amount of spending

their cross-town rivals were able to do.

However, he was proved correct in the end, with Spurs having a less than admirable season, which also included the sacking of their manager.

Apart from Christian Eriksen and Paulinho, the rest of the new players who came in didn't make any impact, with Roberto Soldado receiving particularly harsh criticism from the press and rival fans.

This was a season in which Spurs had to go through the Europa League once again, which in itself is very draining on the players with its hectic schedule.

But it was expected that Spurs could kick on and do well in the league, and the optimism was high when the season started that they could very well move into the top for once again.

The signs are there that Liverpool are at risk of "doing a Spurs" this season.

First, they sell their best player to a Spanish club for a bucket load of money. Then to compensate, they are buying players to negate the impact the player's loss would have on the team.

Luis Suarez was by far the best player in the Premier League last season, without any doubt. He won the awards to go with his contribution, and it was unfortunate that Liverpool couldn't win the league in the end.

This, despite the fact he was serving a ban at the start of the season, which just goes to show how much more damage he could have done if he had played those games too.

Now that Suarez has been sold to

LUIS SUAREZ

Barcelona, it is difficult not to see the parallel with Gareth Bale's move to Real Madrid.

Both are big money moves, both were extremely important for their teams. In fact, it wouldn't be a big leap of logic if one even said neither team could have had such an impact if it wasn't for their respective talismans.

Spurs tried to negate the Bale factor by signing six players; Liverpool have already signed four.

Granted, not all of them are in the role that was occupied by Suarez but, just like Spurs, Brendan Rodgers feels he would need to add significantly if he were to even maintain consistency with respect to the previous season.

While Liverpool fans would want to give credit to the entire team for being able to give tough competition

Will Reds go the way of Tottenham?

are excellent, one has to go back to Arsene Wenger's quote once again and wonder how much it will affect the team dynamics.

It will take a fair bit of time for all

the new recruits to get on the same wavelength as the rest of the team.

One must remember that it has taken a fair bit of time for the signings made back in Kenny Dalglish's brief time to bed in.

Rumours are going around that Liverpool are looking to make a bid for Marco Reus as well as a couple of other players.

If they do sign one or two more players, it can be seen as a successful summer for Liverpool.

But it will be a major headache for Brendan Rodgers to try and integrate the new players with the system and the team.

Perhaps most importantly, Liverpool doesn't have the luxury of weekly breaks this season.

With Champions League fixtures upon them, games will come thick and fast. There simply won't be time for proper training sessions between games to make players understand their roles in the team.

It will be interesting to see if Liverpool can avoid the quagmire that Spurs found themselves in last season.

If they fail, however, expect a certain French manager's smile to become slightly smug in the knowledge that his philosophical words have rung true once more...

"When I said at the start of the

season if you sign more than three players you take a technical risk, you laughed at me..." – Wenger.

One of my top dates

OCTOBER 23, 1963, is a date in my football career that I will never forget.

On hearing of the recent death of Real Madrid's Alfredo Di Stefano, one of football's greatest talents, my mind instantly flew back to that day.

It was the 75th anniversary of the English Football Association and, to celebrate, they had arranged a match against a world XI.

I had been selected by England, who were under the guidance of manager Alf Ramsey, to tour Europe that previous summer, making my debut against Czechoslovakia.

I remained in the squad after that, and was picked for the team to face the best that the rest of the world could offer.

There was a slight hiccup with the organising and rules for the game, with FIFA insisting that substitutes should be allowed.

After all, to travel from the far corners of the world just to sit on the bench did not seem right.

However, the FA refused to budge, before a compromise was reached, thank goodness, whereby the England team would play without substitutes while the world XI would have free

range on them. That suited me, as it meant a guarantee of a full ninety minutes of play.

It was only when the world team was announced that I realised the strength and depth of their squad.

My first thought was: "Will I be out of my depth?"

After all, I was still a second division player.

The world XI was to be led by Di Stefano, and he and many great players would grace the Wembley pitch that day.

Although nearing the end of his great career, he still had that touch of magic that separates the great from the ordinary.

To play against a player of his quality was a huge bonus for me.

England won that game 2-1, and I was thrilled to open the scoring.

The great Dennis Law equalised for the world side, but England were not to be denied, with Jimmy Greaves scoring the winner.

Di Stefano will be remembered as one of the greatest players of any generation and, as Real Madrid's honorary president, will be sadly missed by all of the world's football fraternity.



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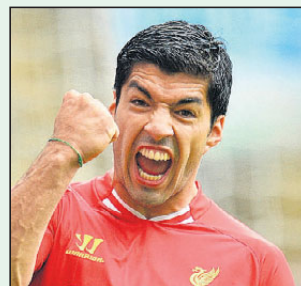
SUMMER SIGNING: Rickie Lambert.



SUMMER SIGNING: Adam Lallana.



SUMMER SIGNING: Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez.



SUMMER SIGNING: Luis Suarez.



SUMMER SIGNING: Hull City's Tom Ince.

Arsenal

In: Alexis Sanchez (Barcelona) £35m, Mathieu Debuchy (Newcastle) Undisclosed.

Out: Lukasz Fabianski (Swansea City) Free, Bacary Sagna (Manchester City) Free, Thomas Eisfeld (Fulham) Undisclosed.

Released: Chuks Aneke, Niklas Bendtner, Chu Young Park.

Aston Villa

In: Tom Leggett (Saints) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Saints) Free, Philippe Senderos (Valencia) Free, Joe Cole (West Ham) Free, Kieran Richardson (Fulham) Undisclosed.

Out: Marc Albrighton (Leicester City) Free, Nicklas Helenius (Aalborg) Loan, Yacouba Sylla (Erciyesspor) Loan.

Released: Nathan Delfouneso

Burnley

In: Michaelightly (Stoke) undisclosed, Matt Gilks (Blackpool) Free, Steven Reid (WBA) Free, Lukas Jutkiewicz (Middlesbrough) £1.5m.

Out: Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth) Free, Chris Baird (WBA) Free. **Released:** David Edgar, Brian Stock, Keith Treacy, Nick Liversedge.

Chelsea

In: Cesc Fabregas (Barcelona) £27m, Diego Costa (Athletico Madrid) £32m, Mario Pasalic (Hadjuk Split) Undisclosed, Filipe Luis (Athletico Madrid) £15.8m.

Out: Tomas Kalas (Cologne) Loan, Wallace (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Sam Hutchinson (Sheff Wed) Free, Ashley Cole (Roma) Free, Bertrand Traore (Vitesse) Loan, Thorgan Hazard (Borussia Monchengladbach) Loan, Demba Ba (Besiktas) £4.7m, David Luiz (Paris SG) Unconfirmed. **Released:** Samuel Eto'o, Henrique Hilario, Frank Lampard, Mark Schwarzer.

Crystal Palace

In: Chris Kettleings (Blackpool) Free

Out: Kagisho Dikgacoi (Cardiff City) Free, Dean Moxey (Bolton) Free, Aaron Wilbraham (Bristol City) Free, Jonathan Parr (Ipswich) Free, Alex Wynter (Pompey) Loan, Kwesi Appiah (Cambridge United) Loan, Jack Hunt (Nottingham Forest) Loan, Jose Campana (Sampdoria) Undisclosed, Osman Sow (Hearts) Free

Released: Neil Alexander, Marouane Chamakh, Daniel Gabbidon.

Everton

In: Gareth Barry (Manchester City) Free. **Out:** Released - Mason Springthorpe, Apostolos Vellios.

Hull City

In: Jake Livermore (Tottenham) £8m, Robert Snodgrass (Norwich) undisclosed, Tom Ince (Blackpool, tribunal). **Out:** Matty Fryatt (Nottingham Forest) Free, Conor Henderson (Crawley) Free, Cameron Stewart (Ipswich) Free.

Released: Joe Dudgeon, Abdoulaye Faye, Eldin Jakupovic, Robert Koren.

Leicester City

In: Jack Barmby (Manchester United) Free, Matthew Upson (Brighton and Hove Albion) Free, Ben Hamer (Charlton Athletic) Free, Marc Albrighton (Aston

CLUBS IN DASH

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SPORTS EDITOR

THERE is more money than ever before swelling the coffers of our richest Premier League clubs.

If evidence was needed, and it most certainly isn't, then just have a look at some of the transfer deals that have already been concluded this summer.

Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United have splashed out almost £200m between them on just a handful of players as they attempt to wrestle the title from Manchester City.

Arsenal have spent £35m on Alexis Sanchez, while Saints have shelled out the best part of £20m to sign Graziano Pelle and Dusan Tadic.

Elsewhere, some of the Premier League's lesser names have spent big on strikers unproven in this country's elite league.

West Ham boss Sam Allardyce has bought Ecuador's World Cup striker Enner Valencia for £12m, while West Bromwich Albion broke their transfer record to sign Brown Ideye.

The 25-year-old didn't even make Nigeria's World Cup finals squad, but has Champions League experience with Dynamo Kiev.

Former Saints boss Nigel Pearson had been linked with Pelle prior to the striker being reunited with his former Feyenoord manager Ronald Koeman.

Pearson has spent big on a forward, though, with Argentinian Leonardo Ulloa arriving from Brighton for £8m.

Villa) Free, Leonardo Ulloa (Brighton) £8m, Louis Rowley (Manchester United) Free

Out: George Taft (Burton Albion) Free, Lloyd Dyer (Watford) Free, Zac Whitbread (Derby) Free, Paul Gallagher (Preston) Loan, Ben Frenpah (Ross County) Free

Released: Marko Futacs.

Liverpool

In: Rickie Lambert (Saints) Undisclosed, Adam Lallana (Saints) £25m, Emre Can (Bayer Leverkusen) £10m, Lazar Markovic (Benfica) £20m.

Out: Luis Alberto (Malaga, loan), Jakub Sokolik (Yeovil) Loan, Luis Suarez (Barcelona) £75m, Iago Aspas (Sevilla) Loan

Released: Michael Ngoo, Stephen Sama.

Manchester City

In: Bacary Sagna (Arsenal) Free, Fernando (Porto) £12m, Willy Caballero (Malaga) £6m.

Out: Costel Pantilimon (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (WBA) Free, Alex Henshall (Ipswich) Free, Gareth Barry (Everton) Free, Emyr Huws (Wigan) Loan, Andre Wisdom (West Brom) Loan

Released: Alex Nimely.

Manchester United

In: Ander Herrera (Athletic Bilbao) £29m, Luke Shaw (Saints) £27m.

Out: Federico Macheda (Cardiff City) Free, Jack Barmby (Leicester City) Free, Nemanja Vidic (Inter Milan) Free, Alex Buttner (Dynamo Moscow) £4.4m, Patrice Evra (Juventus) £1.2m, Louis Rowley (Leicester) Free, Rio Ferdinand (QPR) Free.

Released: Ryan Giggs.

Newcastle United

In: Ayoze Perez (Tenerife) Undisclosed, Jack Colback (Sunderland) Free, Siem de Jong (Ajax) undisclosed, Daryl Janmaat (Feyenoord) Undisclosed,

Out: Emmanuel Riviere (Monaco) Undisclosed, Emman Newton (Rotherham United) Free, Dan Gosling (Bournemouth), James Tavernier (Wigan) undisclosed, Sylvain Marveaux (Guingamp) Loan, Mathieu Debuchy (Arsenal) Undisclosed.

Released: Shola Ameobi, Michael Richardson.

Queens Park Rangers

In: Steven Caulker (Cardiff) undisclosed, Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United) Free.

Out: Tom Hitchcock (MK Dons) Free.

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TO SPLASH CASH



SUMMER SIGNING: Saints' Serbian star Dusan Tadic.

Ulloa, 28 next week scored 16 goals in 38 league and cup outings for the Seagulls last season, his first full campaign of English football.

Spanish World Cup flop Diego Costa is currently Chelsea's most expensive close season recruit at £32m.

Costa blasted 25 goals in 44 La Liga and Champions League games for Atletico Madrid last season, though he failed to impress in Brazil.

Jose Mourinho has also raided the reigning Spanish League champions to sign left back Filipe Luis.

Former Arsenal star Cesc Fabregas is also back in the Premier League after his £27m move to Stamford Bridge.

Liverpool have spent about £60m so far on Saints pair Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert, plus Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Emre Can and Benfica winger Lazar Markovic.

Brendan Rodgers has by no means wrapped up his summer spending spree either, with Saints centre half Dejan Lovren among his likely additions before the curtain lifts on the 2014/15 season on August 16.



SUMMER SIGNING: Graziano Pelle.

takes place at Anfield between Liverpool and Saints!

New Manchester United boss Louis Van Gaal is expected to spend big this summer, and he has so far splashed out the best part of £60m on just two players – Saints left back Luke Shaw and midfielder Ander Herrera.

As for defending champions City, they are restricted this summer to spending a net total of £47 by UEFA after breaching Financial Fair Play regulations.

They have so far signed Fernando and Willy Caballero for a combined £18m and brought in free agent Bacary Sagna from Arsenal.

Expect so much more money to be spent by the 20 clubs prior to the transfer window closing at the end of next month ...

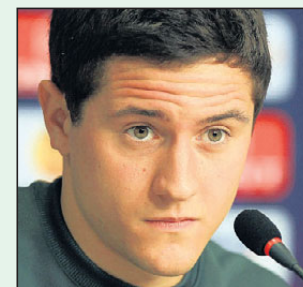
That is the day a spice-filled encounter



SUMMER SIGNING: £27m teenager Luke Shaw.



SUMMER SIGNING: Cesc Fabregas.



SUMMER SIGNING: Ander Herrera.



SUMMER SIGNING: Steven Caulker.



SUMMER SIGNING: New Spurs defender Ben Davies.

In: Dusan Tadic (FC Twente) £10.9m, Graziano Pelle (Feyenoord) £8m.

Out: Andy Robinson (Bolton Wanderers) Free, Tom Leggett (Aston Villa) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Aston Villa) Free, Danny Fox (Nottingham Forest) Free, Rickie Lambert (Liverpool) undisclosed, Lee Barnard (Southend, free), Adam Lallana (Liverpool) £25m, Luke Shaw (Manchester United) £27m.
Released: Guly do Prado, Jonathan Forte.

Stoke City

In: Phil Bardsley (Sunderland) Free, Steve Sidwell (Fulham) Free, Mame Biram Diouf (Hannover) Free, Dionatan Teixeira (Banska Bystrica) Undisclosed, Bojan Krkic (Barcelona) Undisclosed
Out: Michael Kightly (Burnley) undisclosed.
Released: Juan Agudelo, Matthew Etherington.

Sunderland

In: Jordi Gomez (Wigan Athletic) Free, Billy Jones (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Costel Pantilimon (Manchester City) Free.
Out: Billy Knott (Bradford City) Free, Phil Bardsley (Stoke City) Free, Craig Gardner (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Jack Colback (Newcastle United) Free, John Egan (Gillingham) Free, Kieren Westwood (Sheffield Wed) Free, Jordan Pickford (Bradford) Loan
Released: Carlos Cuellar, Andrea Dossena, Oscar Ustari, David Vaughan.

Swansea City

In: Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal) Free, Bafetimbi Gomis (Lyon) Free, Marvin Emmes (Middlesbrough) Free, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Tottenham) Undisclosed
Out: Ben Davies (Tottenham)

Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Tottenham) Undisclosed.
Released - Leroy Lita, Jernade Meade, David Ngog, Darnel Situ,

Tottenham Hotspur

In: Ben Davies (Swansea) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Swansea) Undisclosed
Out: Heurelho Gomes (Watford) Free, Jake Livermore (Hull) £8m, Gwion Edwards (Crawley) Undisclosed, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough) Loan, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Swansea) Undisclosed, Alex Pritchard (Brentford) Loan
Released: Cameron Lancaster

West Bromwich Albion

In: Craig Gardner (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (Man City) Free, Chris Baird (Burnley) Free, Andre Wisdom (Liverpool) Loan, Brown Ideye (Dynamo

Kiev) £10m

Out: Billy Jones (Sunderland) Free, Liam Ridgwell (Portland Timbers) Free, Steven Reid (Burnley) Free, Cameron Gayle (Shrewsbury) Free, George Thorne (Derby) Undisclosed
Released: Scott Allan, Nicolas Anelka, Zoltan Gera, Diego Lugano.

West Ham United

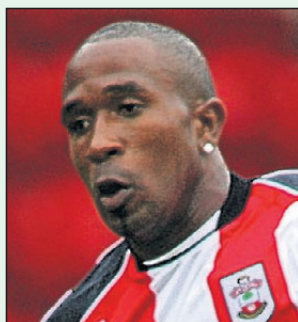
In: Mauro Zarate (Velez Sarsfield) Undisclosed, Cheikhou Kouyate (Anderlecht) Undisclosed, Aaron Cresswell (Ipswich) Undisclosed, Diego Poyet (Charlton) Tribunal, Enner Valencia (Pachuca) £12m
Out: Joe Cole (Aston Villa) Free, Stephen Henderson (Charlton) Free, Raphael Spiegel (Crawley) Loan
Released: Jack Collison, Callum Driver, George McCartney, Jordan Spence.

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CHAMPIONSHIP INS AND OUTS ... CHAMPIONSHIP



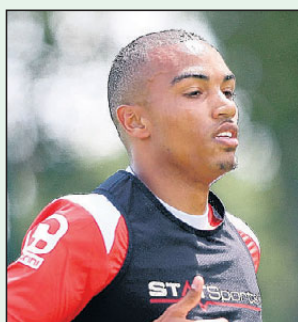
SUMMER SIGNING: Dan Gosling.



SUMMER SIGNING: Ex-Saint Ricardo Fuller.



SUMMER SIGNING: Ex-Saint Matt Young.



SUMMER SIGNING: Junior Stanislas.



ON THE MOVE: Cherries keeper Ryan Allsop.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

In: Jonathan Grounds (Oldham, free), Grant Hall (Tottenham, loan), Stephen Gleeson (MK Dons, free), Wes Thomas (Rotherham, free), David Edgar (Burnley, free), Gavin Gunning (Dundee United, free), Mark Duffy (Doncaster, free), David Cotterill (Doncaster, free), Clayton Donaldson (Brentford, free)

Out: Darren Ambrose, Peter Lovenkrands, Brian Howard, Nikola Zigic, Chris Burke, Akwasi Asante, Reece Hales (all released), Hayden Mullins (Notts County, free), Wade Elliott (Bristol City, free), Liam Maher (Leamington, free), Aaron Martin (Yeovil, free), Amari'i Bell (Mansfield, loan)

BLACKBURN ROVERS

In: Chris Brown (Doncaster, free), Luke Varney (Leeds, free), Alex Baptiste (Bolton, loan)

Out: William Beesley, Robbie Cotton, Ryan Edwards, Hugo Fernandez Molina, Timothy Payne, Deniz Pero, Aaron Tumwa, Matthew Urwin, DJ Campbell, Dickson Etuhu (all released), Alan Judge (Brentford, undisclosed), David Goodwillie (Aberdeen, free), Josh Morris (Fleetwood, loan), Alex Marrow (Carlisle, free)

BLACKPOOL

In: Sergei Zenjov (FC Karpaty Lviv, free)

Out: Barry Ferguson, Michael Chopra, Robert Earnshaw, Louis Almond, Anderson Banvo, Jake Caprice, Adam Dodd, Nathan Eccleston, Elliot Grandin, Faris Haroun, Liam Tomsett, Nathan Tyson, Tony Warner (all released), Chris Basham (Sheff Utd, free), Kirk Broadfoot (Rotherham, free), James Caton (Shrewsbury, free), Neal Bishop (Scunthorpe, free), Craig Cathcart (Watford, free), Matt Gilks (Burnley, free), Chris Kettings (Crystal Palace, free), Mark Halstead (Shrewsbury, free), Tom Ince (Hull, compensation), Ricardo Fuller (Millwall, free)

BOLTON WANDERERS

In: Neil Danns (Leicester, free), Liam Trotter (Millwall, free), Liam Feeney (Millwall, free), Andy Robinson (Southampton, free), Dorian Dervite (Charlton, free), Ross Fitzsimons (Crystal Palace, free), Dean Moxey (Crystal Palace, free), Kevin McNaughton (Cardiff, loan)

Out: Zat Knight, Chris Eagles, Tyrone Mears, Jay Lynch, Andre Moritz, Arran Lee-Barrett (all released), Marvin Sordell (Burnley, undisclosed), Alex Baptiste (Blackburn, loan)

BOURNEMOUTH

In: Dan Gosling (Newcastle, free), Junior Stanislas (Burnley, free), Callum Wilson (Coventry, undisclosed)

Out: Richard Hughes, Stephen Purches (both retired), Shwan Jalal (Bury, free), Matt Tubbs (AFC Wimbledon, loan), Lewis Grabban (Norwich, undisclosed), Mohamed Coulibaly (Coventry, loan) and Ryan Allsop (Coventry, loan)

BRENTFORD

In: Alan Judge (Blackburn, undisclosed), Marcos Tebar Ramiro (Almeria, free), Andre Gray (Luton, undisclosed), Moses Odubajo (Leyton Orient, undisclosed), Alex Pritchard (Tottenham, loan)



NEW boy Callum Wilson wants to seize his Championship chance with Cherries and is on a mission to prove he was no one-season wonder.

Wilson recently completed his move from League 1 club Coventry City to the Goldsands Stadium for a fee of more than £2m.

The 22-year-old, who penned a four-year deal, progressed through the ranks at Coventry and plundered 22 goals for the Sky Blues last season – his first full campaign in the Football League.

Coventry-born Wilson, who has also spent time on loan in the Conference with Kettering and Tamworth, ended the season as the joint third highest goalscorer in League One.

Cherries saw off a host of clubs for his services, with Ryan Allsop and Mohamed Coulibaly joining the Midlands outfit on loan until January as part of the deal.

Wilson said: "It is a fantastic set-up here and I want to grab with both hands the chance to play in the Championship. Hopefully, I can play regularly and score goals like I did at Coventry."

"This is a club on the up and I want to be a part of it."

"It was hard leaving Coventry because I grew up there and all my family and friends live there."

"Sometimes you have to let your head rule your heart."

"Everybody wants to play for their hometown club but my heart will be changing soon because I am here for the long term."

"I want to prove I am not just a one-season wonder, as people could label me."

"My career has been hampered by injury

so it was good to

finally get three-quarters of a season under my belt. It is about progressing as a player and I am looking forward to a full season."

"I feel I am only going to get better playing with better players and on better pitches. I feel the manager here will progress me and help me kick on with the team to the next level."

"He will give me a platform and it will be up to me to take it."

Howe believes Wilson has "real potential" but feels comparisons with his other striking protégés would be unfair.

Howe played a pivotal role in putting Danny Ings and Charlie Austin on the road to stardom and was also instrumental in the development of Saints striker Jay Rodriguez.

He handed Ings his first pro contract during his first spell in the Dean Court hot-seat before shelling out £1million on the frontman when he was in charge at Burnley.

Howe was also the first manager to spot Austin's talents at non-league Poole Town, making the one-time labourer his first signing after taking over at Turf Moor.

Rodriguez, a product of the Clarets youth system, earned a £7m move to the Premier League with Saints after blossoming under Howe's tutelage during 2011-12.

Wilson netted his first and Cherries' 10th goal during their 11-0 rout of Dorchester last Saturday.

Howe, asked whether he felt Wilson could follow in the footsteps of Ings, Austin and Rodriguez, said: "He has real potential. I



EDDIE HOWE

Out: Scott Barron (released), Shaleum Logan (Aberdeen, free), Aaron Pierre (Wycombe, free), Liam O'Brien (Dagenham, free), Clayton Donaldson (Birmingham, free), Sam Beale (Eastbourne Borough, free), Luke Norris (Gillingham, compensation), Farid El Alagui (Hibs, free), Will Grigg (MK Dons, loan)

BRIGHTON

In: Nzuzi Toko (Grasshopper Zurich, free), Aaron Hughes (QPR, free), Chris O'Grady (Barnsley, undisclosed)

Out: Peter Brezovan, Will Hoskins, Tomasz Kuszczak, Andrea Orlandi, David Lopez, David Rodriguez (all

released), Matt Upson (Leicester, free), Brennan Dickenson (Gillingham, free)

CARDIFF CITY

In: Javi Guerra (Real Valladolid, free), Guido Burgstaller (Rapid Vienna, undisclosed), Federico Macheda (Manchester United, free), Adam Le Fondre (Reading, undisclosed), Kagisho Dikgacoi (Crystal Palace, free)

Out: Tommy Smith, Simon Lappin, Luke Coulson, Ronnie Hawkins (all released), Craig Bellamy (retired), Andrew Taylor (Wigan, undisclosed), Don Cowie (Wigan, free), Kevin McNaughton (Bolton, loan)

CHARLTON ATHLETIC

In: Zak Ansah (Arsenal, free), Kurtis Cumberbatch (Watford, free), Yoni Buyens (Standard Liege, loan), Igor Vetokele (FC Copenhagen, undisclosed), Franck Moussa (Coventry, free), Andre Bikey (Panetolikos, free), Tal Ben Haim (Standard Liege, free), Johann Berg Gudmundsson (AZ Alkmaar, free), George Tucudean (Standard Liege, free)

Out: Leon Cort, Cedric Evina, Mark Gower, Andy Hughes, Bradley Jordan (all released), Ben Hamer (Leicester, free), Dorian Dervite (Bolton, free), Kevin Feely (Newport, free), Danny Hollands (Portsmouth, free), Richard Wood (Rotherham, free), Adebayo

FOLLOW CHERRIES IN THE SPORTS PINK EVERY WEEKEND

INS AND OUTS .. CHAMPIONSHIP INS AND OUTS

PROVE POINT



SUMMER SIGNING:
Callum Wilson.

This is a club on the up
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haven't worked with him long enough to make any big assessments like that and don't think it would be fair to do that to him.

"If anything, we want to take the pressure off him and just get him to enjoy his football, enjoy working with us and try to develop as a player. If he shows the right attitude and with the attributes he has, he has a really good chance of being successful.

"Charlie and Danny had to work their way up and Jay came through the youth system at Burnley.

"They are all top players.

"Callum's season with Coventry would indicate he has a bright future but, at this stage, I just want him to enjoy his football, find his feet with us and see where it takes him."

• Howe has also returned to Burnley this summer to sign winger Junior Stanislas on a three-year

deal.

Stanislas rejected the offer of a new contract with the Premier League newcomers to renew acquaintances with Howe.

The 24-year-old featured 32 times for the Clarets last season, with a number of appearances coming from the bench, as the east Lancashire outfit won promotion.

Capped by England at under-19, 20 and 21 level, the Londoner admitted a combination of reuniting with Howe and Jason Tindall and a lack of game-time at Turf Moor had tipped the balance.

Stanislas said: "Having worked before with the manager, I have always liked what he has done. I always felt confident and comfortable playing for him so wanted to take the opportunity to come here.

"Leaving Burnley was probably the most difficult decision I have had to make so far alongside leaving West Ham to go to there in the first place.

"But over the course of last season, I didn't play as much as I would have liked.

"I know it was a successful season for Burnley as a club but, for me individually, working for Eddie Howe and speaking to him about the ambition this club has, I wanted to be a part of it going forward.

"He is very good at getting the best out of players and will always tell you exactly what he is thinking."

FULHAM

In: Shaun Hutchinson (Motherwell, free), Adam Taggart (Newcastle Jets, undisclosed), Tim Hoogland (Schalke, free), Kay Voser (Basle, undisclosed), Ross McCormack (Leeds, undisclosed), Konstantinos Stafylidis (Bayer Leverkusen, loan)

Out: Damien Duff, Giorgos Karagounis, Mahamadou Diarra, John Arne Riise, Derek Boateng, Matthew Briggs, Neil Etheridge, Brede Hangeland, Charles Banya, Alex Brister, Dino Islamovic, Ronny

Minkwitz, Max Oberschmidt (all released), John Heitinga (Hertha Berlin, free), Steve Sidwell (Stoke, free), Josh Pritchard (Gillingham, free), Sascha Riether (Freiburg, undisclosed), Pajtim Kasami (Olympiacos, undisclosed), Kieran Richardson (Aston Villa, undisclosed)

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

In: Joe Murphy (Coventry, free), Lee Peltier (unattached)

Out: Peter Clarke, Ian Bennett, Chris Atkinson, Anton Robinson, Cristian Lopez, Paul Mullin (all released), Keith Southern (Fleetwood, free), Calum Woods (Preston, free)

IPSWICH TOWN

In: Cameron Stewart (Hull, free), Alex Henshall (Manchester City, free), Jonathan Parr (Crystal Palace, free), Bartosz Bialkowski (Notts County, undisclosed)

Out: Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, David October, Mark Timlin, Jonathan Leddy, Tom Winter, Jordan Adekunle (all released), Carlos Edwards (Millwall, free), Scott Loach (Rotherham, free), Aaron Cresswell (West Ham, undisclosed)

LEEDS UNITED

In: Stuart Taylor (Reading, free), Marco Silvestri (Chievo, undisclosed), Tommaso Bianchi (Sassuolo, undisclosed), Souleymane Doukara (Catania, loan), Gaetano Berardi (Sampdoria, undisclosed)

Out: Michael Brown, El-Hadji Diouf, Jamie Ashdown, Adam Drury (all released), Lee Peltier (Huddersfield, free), Paul Green (Rotherham, free), Luke Varney (Blackburn, free), Lewis Turner (Harrogate, free), Ross McCormack (Fulham, undisclosed), Marius Zaliukas (Rangers, free), Danny Pugh (Coventry, free)

MIDDLESBROUGH

In: Tomas Mejias (Real Madrid, undisclosed), Enrique Garcia (Real Murcia, undisclosed)

Out: Lewis Sirrell, Birger Meling, Jake Fowler, Cameron Park, Matthew Waters (all released), Matthew Dolan (Bradford, free), Jayson Leutwiler (Shrewsbury, free), Stuart Parnaby (Hartlepool, free), Frazer Richardson (Rotherham, free), Marvin Emnes (Swansea, undisclosed), Lukas Jutkiewicz (Burnley, undisclosed)

MILLWALL

In: Carlos Edwards (Ipswich, free), Lee Gregory (FC Halifax, undisclosed), Byron Webster (Yeovil, free), Ricardo Fuller (Blackpool, free)

Out: Tom Beadle, Shane Lowry (both released), Charlie Penny (Welling, free), Liam Trotter (Bolton, free), Liam Feeney (Bolton, free), Andy Keogh (Perth Glory, free), Jack Smith (AFC Wimbledon, free)

NORWICH CITY

In: Lewis Grabban (Bournemouth, undisclosed), Kyle Lafferty (Palermo, undisclosed)

Out: David Fox, Carlo Nash (both released), Rod Young (Welling, free), Robert Snodgrass (Hull, £7million)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

In: Danny Fox (Southampton, free), Matty Fryatt (Hull, free), Lars Veldwijk (Excelsior, undisclosed), Louis Laing (Sunderland, free), Roger Riera (Barcelona, free)

Out: Guy Moussi, Marcus Tudgay, Ishmael Miller, Simon Gillett, Jonathan Greening, Rafik Djebbour (all released), Matt Derbyshire (Rotherham, free), Gonzalo Jara (Mainz, free)

READING

In: Andrija Novakovich (Chicago Magic, free)

Out: Nick Arnold, Lawson D'Ath, Kaspars Gorkss, Mikele Lieke, Jobi McAnuff, Gozie Ugwu (all released), Wayne Bridge, Jason Roberts (both retired), Adam Le Fondre (Cardiff, undisclosed), Stuart Taylor (Leeds, free), Daniel Carrico (Sevilla, undisclosed), Matt Partridge (Dagenham, free) **Cont on page 36**



RELEASED: Ex-Saint
Simon Gillett.



SUMMER SIGNING:
Frazer Richardson.



SUMMER SIGNING: Lewis
Grabban.



SUMMER SIGNING: Ex-Saint
Danny Fox.



RETIRED: Former Saints
star Wayne Bridge.

Azeez (AFC Wimbledon, free), Danny Green (MK Dons, free), Diego Poyet (West Ham, compensation), Jordan Cook (Walsall, free), Bradley Pritchard (Leyton Orient, free)

DERBY COUNTY

In: Alban Bunjaku (Sevilla, free), Jonathan Mitchell (Newcastle, free), Zak Whitbread (Leicester, free), Alefe Santos (Bristol Rovers, free), Cyrus Christie (Coventry, undisclosed), George Thorne (West Brom, undisclosed)

Out: Ross Atkins, Valentin Gjokaj, Michael Hoganson, Callum Ball, James Bailey (all released), Adam Legzdins (Leyton Orient, free), James

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Non-league News

Bennett in Town raid

CARL Bennett has further expanded his Whitchurch United squad by signing goalkeeper Brad Snelling from his old club Romsey Town.

The 20-year-old former Saints Academy 'keeper is also a useful outfield player and Bennett describes him as "one of the best three 'keepers in the league."

Also on board for the new Sydenhams Premier season is defender Josh Green, who was also at Romsey last year having been at Eastleigh, and defender Elliott Parker who has returned to the Whitchurch area from university in Plymouth and has looked sharp in training.

Tom Lockyer, Shane Lock and Scott Hassell are all back for another season, while ex-Romsey pair Jack Garner and Ryan Lambert have followed.



BRAD SNELLING

On the minus side, last year's skipper Ali Brown has joined Combined Counties League side Hartley Wintney.

Whitchurch continued their pre-season campaign with a 4-4 draw at Hampshire League Division One Lyndhurst last Saturday.

Bennett was less than impressed, saying: "It was a poor game and it seemed a few were just going through the motions."

"We scored a few goals but there was little more to get excited about, so we move on."

Danny Phillips, Lambert, Green and Jack McCarthy (penalty) were on target for the Jam Boys.

Phil worried

PHIL Simkin admits he is worried about the effect last Saturday's 11-0 trouncing by AFC Bournemouth will have had on his Dorchester Town players.

Four days after beating Eastleigh 4-0 at the Silverlake Stadium, Eddie Howe's Championship side went goal crazy at the Avenue Stadium, handing out what Simkin conceded was a "footballing lesson" to his Southern Premier side.

Yann Kermorgant led the rout with four goals, backed two pieces from Matt Ritchie and Brett Pitman and singles from Harry Arter, Callum Wilson and Ben Whitfield.

"I appreciate Bournemouth coming down and I appreciate everything they've done for us, but that game hasn't done us a great deal of good," Simkin confessed.

"It was a good thing for us financially because we had a good crowd in, but football-wise it hasn't helped us much."

"The only thing I'm worried about is that it has demoralised our lads."

"Confidence is a fragile thing."

LEAGUE 1 INS AND OUTS ... LEAGUE 1 INS AND

BARNSELY

In: Adam Davies, (Sheffield Wednesday, free), Kane Hemmings (Cowdenbeath, free), Conor Hourihane (Plymouth, undisclosed)

Out: Bobby Hassell, Emmanuel Frimpong, Paddy McCourt, Jordan Clark, John Cofie, Andrai Jones, Sam Patterson, McCauley Shillito, Erico Sousa, Jordan Tunnicliffe, Iain Turner, Martin Woods, Jacob Mellis (all released), Jim O'Brien (Coventry, free), Kelvin Etuhu (Bury, free), Liam Lawrence (Shrewsbury, free), Luke Steele (Panathinaikos, free), Chris O'Grady (Brighton, undisclosed)

BRADFORD CITY

In: Matthew Dolan (Middlesbrough, free), Billy Knott (Sunderland, free), Gary Liddle (Notts County, free), Alan Sheehan (Notts County, free), Billy Clarke (Crawley, free)

Out: Gary Jones, Garry Thompson, Louie Swain, Nathan Doyle (all released), Carl McHugh (Plymouth, free), Kyel Reid (Preston, free), Matthew Bates (Hartlepool, free)

BRISTOL CITY

In: Mark Little (Peterborough, free), Wade Elliott (Birmingham, free), Luke Freeman (Stevenage, undisclosed), Korey Smith (Oldham, undisclosed), Aaron Wilbraham (Crystal Palace, free), Luke Ayling (Yeovil, compensation), Luis Gilabert (Valencia, free), Billy Murphy (Hereford, free)

Out: Louis Carey, Liam Fontaine, Marvin Elliott, Stephen Pearson, Mitch Brundle, Kevin Krans (all released), Liam Kelly (Oldham, undisclosed), Brendan Moloney (Yeovil, free)

CHESTERFIELD

In: Charlie Raglan (FC United of Manchester, free), Daniel Jones (unattached), Charlie Dawes (Sheffield Wednesday, free)

Out: Sam Togwell, Jacob Hazel, (both released), Nathan Smith (Yeovil, free), Marc Richards (Northampton, free), Matty Brown (Chester, free), Jamie Devitt (Morecambe, free)

COLCHESTER UNITED

In: Sean Clohessy (Kilmarnock, free), Ben Gordon (Ross County, free), Chris Lewington (Dagenham, free), Dominic Smith (Crewe, free), Dan Holman (Braintree, free)

Out: Ryan Dickson (Crawley, free), Brian Wilson (Oldham, free), Mark Cousins (Dagenham, free)

COVENTRY CITY

In: Danny Swanson (Peterborough, free), Jim O'Brien (Barnsley, free), Reda Johnson (Sheffield Wednesday, free), Ryan Allsopp (Bournemouth, loan), Mohamed Coulibaly (Bournemouth, loan), Danny Pugh (Leeds, free), Shaun Miller (Sheff Utd, free)

Out: Ben Maund, Louis Garner, Lewis Rankin, Alex Gott, Ryan Smith, Jordan Smith, Ryan Quinn, Eli Bako, Jordan Forrester and Courtney Baker-Richardson (all released), Joe Murphy (Huddersfield, free), Blair Adams (Notts County, free), Franck Moussa (Charlton, free), Mark Marshall (Port Vale, free), Callum Wilson (Bournemouth, undisclosed), Cyrus Christie (Derby, undisclosed)

CRAWLEY TOWN

In: Jimmy Smith (Stevenage, undis-



FORMER Saints and Eastleigh defender Aaron Martin is embarking on a new challenge.

The 24-year-old has signed a two-year deal with Yeovil Town following his release from Birmingham City.

Martin began his career at Eastleigh before joining Saints in September 2009 during Alan Pardew's early days as manager.

He spent time on loan with Salisbury, Crystal Palace and Coventry before being released by Saints last January.

Martin then signed for Birmingham for the final few months of the 2013-14 Championship season, and he made eight appearances for Blues.

Manager Gary Johnson said: "Aaron is a player that I have tried to sign on a few occasions

with other clubs so I am really pleased.

"Aaron is a really dominant centre-half who had a good spell at Southampton and Coventry."

"But not only is Aaron a good player, he has a good character as well which is what we need at the club."

Martin, who hails from the Isle of Wight, appeared in 20 league games for Saints.

He scored one league goal for the club, in a 4-0 Championship

stroll against Derby County in February 2010.

Martin had opened his Saints goal account the previous month, scoring in an FA Cup win at Coventry.

Two other ex-Saints defenders have found new clubs in League 1 this summer.

Ryan Dickson has swapped Colchester for Crawley Town, while Joseph Mills has joined Oldham permanently after being released by Premier League

closed), Brian Jensen (Bury, free), Lanre Oyebojo (York, free), Ryan Dickson (Colchester, free), Sonny Bradley (Portsmouth, undisclosed), Gavin Tomlin (Port Vale, undisclosed), Izale McLeod (MK Dons, free), Gwion Edwards (Swansea, undisclosed), Lewis Young (Bury, free), Dean Leacock (Notts Co, free), Raphael Spiegel (West Ham, loan)

Out: Rory Fallon, Louis John, Johnny Maddison, Alex Malins, Jonte Smith (all released), Dannie Bulman (AFC Wimbledon, free), Mike Jones (Oldham, free), Paul Jones (Portsmouth, free), Mat Sadler (Rotherham, free), Kyle McFadzean (MK Dons, undisclosed), Jamie Proctor (Fleetwood, free), Billy Clarke (Bradford, free), Andy Drury (Luton, free), Gary Dicker (Carlisle, free),

Sergio Torres (Whitehawk, free), Paul Connolly (Luton, free), Mark Connolly (Kilmarnock, free)

CREWE ALEXANDRA

In: Scott Shearer (Rotherham, free)

Out: Abdul Osman (released), Steve Phillips (Nantwich, free), Byron Moore (Port Vale, free), AJ Leitch-Smith (Yeovil, free), Mark Ellis (Shrewsbury, free), Kelvin Mellor (Plymouth, free)

DONCASTER ROVERS

In: None

Out: Abdoulaye Meite, Billy Paynter (both released), Gabriel Tamas (Watford, free), Mark Duffy (Birmingham, free), Chris Brown

(Blackburn, free), David Cotterill (Birmingham, free)

FLEETWOOD TOWN

In: Danny Andrew (Macclesfield, undisclosed), Keith Southern (Huddersfield, free), Jamie Proctor (Crawley, free), Josh Morris (Blackburn, loan)

Out: Jon Parkin (released), Shaun Beeley (Morecambe, free), Alan Goodall (Morecambe, free)

GILLINGHAM

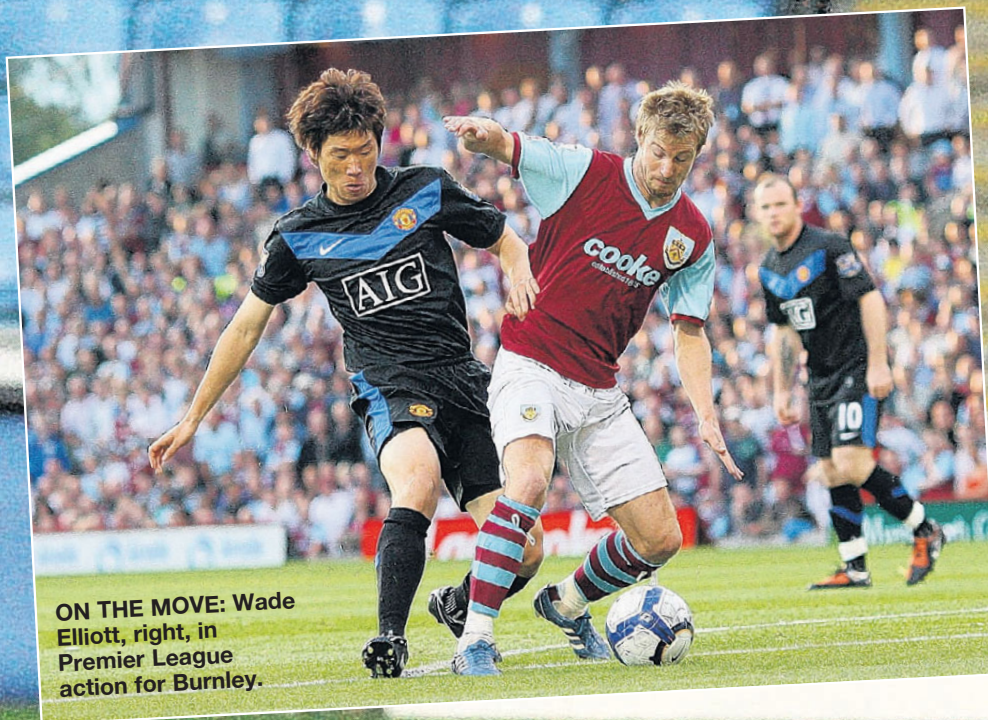
In: Aaron Morris (AFC Wimbledon, free), Glenn Morris (Aldershot, free), Doug Loft (Port Vale, free), Jermaine McGlashan (Cheltenham, free), Josh Pritchard (Fulham, free), Brennan

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CHALLENGE

ON THE MOVE:
Aaron Martin
scores for Saints in
2012.



ON THE MOVE: Wade Elliott, right, in Premier League action for Burnley.

newcomers Burnley.

Mills enjoyed a loan spell at Oldham in the first half of last season, before ending the 2013/14 term on loan at Shrewsbury.

One player leaving the third division this summer is ex-Saints shot-stopper Bartosz Bialkowski.

He has returned to the Championship to sign for Ipswich from Notts County for an undisclosed fee.

The 27-year-old Pole played 92 times in two seasons at Notts after being released by Saints in the summer of 2012 after over six years at St Mary's.

Bialkowski started his career in his native Poland before joining Saints in January 2006, where he played 42 times but found himself plagued by injuries and the form of Kelvin Davis.

Elsewhere, former Cherries midfielder Wade Elliott is target-

ing promotion after signing a permanent deal with Bristol City.

The 35-year-old enjoyed a successful loan spell from Birmingham City last term under his former Burnley boss Steve Cotterill.

"I want it straight away," life-long Saints fan Elliott said. "I can't plan for promotions two or three years down the line."

"I can't afford to look at long-term plans."

Dickenson (Brighton, free), John Egan (Sunderland, free), Luke Norris (Brentford, compensation)

Out: Sam Baxter, Adam Birchall, Gary Borrowdale, Joe Carter, Craig Fagan, Steven Gregory, George Howard (all released), Nathan Nyafi (retired), Sam Muggleton (Barnet, free), Myles Weston (Southend, free), Stephen Butcher (Maidstone, free), Adebayo Akinfenwa (AFC Wimbledon, free), Chris Whelpdale (Stevenage, free), Charlie Lee (Stevenage, free)

LEYTON ORIENT

In: Adam Legzdins (Derby, free), Bradley Pritchard (Charlton, free)

Out: Jake Larkins, Yohann Lasimant, De'Reece Vanderhyde,

Johnny Gorman (all released), Jamie Jones (Preston, free), Moses Odubajo (Brentford, undisclosed), Robbie Simpson (Cambridge, free)

MK DONS

In: Danny Green (Charlton, free), Kyle McFadzean (Crawley, undisclosed), Tom Hitchcock (QPR, free), Will Grigg (Brentford, loan)

Out: Ryan Hall (Rotherham, free), Izale McLeod (Crawley, free), Alan Smith (Notts County, free), Stephen Gleeson (Birmingham, free), Luke Chadwick (Cambridge, free)

NOTTS COUNTY

In: Alan Smith (MK Dons, free), Taylor McKenzie (Sheffield

Wednesday, free), Haydn Mullins (Birmingham, free), Liam Noble (Carlisle, free), Nicky Wroe (Preston, free), Blair Adams (Coventry, free), Cieron Keane (unattached)

Out: Manny Smith, Dean Leacock, Gareth Roberts, Mark Fotheringham, Andre Boucaud, Malcolm Melvin, Enoch Showunmi, Adam Coombes, Romello Nangle, Malachi Lavelle-Moore (all released), Gary Liddle (Bradford, free), Alan Sheehan (Bradford, free), Jamal Campbell-Ryce (Sheffield United, free), Andy Haworth (Cheltenham, free), Bartosz Bialkowski (Ipswich, undisclosed)

OLDHAM ATHLETIC

In: Joseph Mills (Burnley, free), Mike Jones (Crawley, free), Brian

Wilson (Colchester, free), Liam Kelly (Bristol C, undisclosed), Timothee Dieng (Brest, free)

Out: Charlie MacDonald, Kirk Millar, Danny Gosset, Terry Dunfield (all released), Jonathan Grounds (Birmingham, free), James Wesolowski (Shrewsbury, free), Korey Smith (Bristol C, undisclosed), Glenn Belezika (Stockport, free), Anton Rodgers (Swindon, free)

PETERBOROUGH

In: Jon Taylor (Shrewsbury, undisclosed), Erhun Oztumer (Dulwich Hamlet, undisclosed), Gabriel Zakuani (Kalloni, free)

Out: Peter Grant (released), Nathaniel Knight-Percival (Shrewsbury, free), Tommy Rowe (Wolves, free), Danny Swanson (Coventry, free), Mark Little (Bristol City, free), Daniel Kearns (Carlisle, free), Craig Alcock (Sheffield United, free)

PORT VALE

In: Colin Daniel (Mansfield, free), Ryan McGivern (Hibernian, free), Mark Marshall (Coventry, free), Byron Moore (Crewe, free)

Out: Liam Chilvers, Anthony Griffith, Rob Taylor (all released), Chris Shuker (retired), Doug Loft (Gillingham, free), Gavin Tomlin (Crawley, undisclosed), Jennison Myrie-Williams (Scunthorpe, free), Kaid Mohamed (Northampton, loan), Jordan Hugill (Preston, undisclosed), Ben Jefford (Welling, free)

PRESTON NORTH END

In: Jamie Jones (Leyton Orient, free), Calum Woods (Huddersfield, free), Jordan Hugill (Port Vale, undisclosed), Andy Little (Rangers, free), Kyel Reid (Bradford, free), Paul Gallagher (Leicester, loan)

Out: Graham Cummins, Alex Nicholson, Iain Hume (all released), John Mousinho (Burton, free), Shane Cansdell-Sherriff (Burton, free), Ryan Croasdale (Sheffield Wednesday, free), Stuart Beavon (Burton, loan), Nicky Wroe (Notts County, free), Chris Beardsley (Stevenage, free)

ROCHDALE

In: Jack Muldoon (Worksop, free), Sean McGinty (Sheffield United, free)

Out: Peter Cavanagh, Robbie Thomson, Reece Gray, George Porter, Craig Lynch, Godwin Abadaki (all released)

SCUNTHORPE UNITED

In: Neal Bishop (Blackpool, free), Jennison Myrie-Williams (Port Vale, free), Lyle Taylor (Sheff Utd, undisclosed)

Out: Christian Ribeiro, Etienne Esajas, Andy Welsh, Connor Jennings, Jamie Wootton, George Grayson (all released), Matt Godden (Ebbsfleet, free), Paul Hayes (Wycombe, free), Michael Collins (Oxford, free)

SHEFFIELD UNITED

In: Jamal Campbell-Ryce (Notts County, free), Marc McNulty (Livingston, undisclosed), Ben Davies (Derby, free), Andy Butler (Walsall, free), Chris Basham (Blackpool, free), James Wallace (Tranmere, undisclosed), Craig Alcock (Peterborough, free), Harrison McGahey (Blackpool, tribunal)

Out: Matt Hill, Shaun Miller, Darryl Westlake, Elliott Whitehouse, Jasper Johns, Jordan Hodder, Jahmal Smith, *Continued on page 37*



SUMMER SIGNING:
Joseph Mills.



SUMMER SIGNING: Mark Marshall.



SUMMER SIGNING: Alan Smith.



SUMMER SIGNING: Ryan Dickson.



SUMMER SIGNING:
Bartosz Bialkowski.

LEAGUE 2 INS AND OUTS - SEE PAGES 12-13

LEAGUE 2 INS AND OUTS ... LEAGUE 2 INS AND



SUMMER SIGNING: Lee Barnard.



SUMMER SIGNING: Jack Midson.



SUMMER SIGNING: Shwan Jalal.



SUMMER SIGNING: Luke Chadwick.



SUMMER SIGNING: Damian Batt.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY

In:

Out: Luke Clark, Ian Dunbavin, George Miller, Danny Webber (all released), Peter Murphy (Wycombe, free), Laurence Wilson (Morecambe, free)

AFC WIMBLEDON

In: Sean Rigg (Oxford, free), Dannie Bulman (Crawley, free), Matt Tubbs (Bournemouth, loan), Adebayo Akinfenwa (Gillingham, free), Mark Phillips (Southend, free), James Shea (Harrow Borough, free), Joe McDonnell (Basingstoke, free), Adebayo Azeez (Charlton, free), Jack Smith (Millwall, free)

Out: Will Antwi, Callum Kennedy, Peter Sweeney, Rhys Weston (all released), Aaron Morris (Gillingham, free), Jack Midson (Eastleigh, free), Darren Jones (Newport, free), Charlie Strutton (Braintree, free), Seb Brown (Bromley, free), Luke Moore (Margate, free)

BURTON ALBION

In: Shane Cansdell-Sherriff (Preston, free), George Taft (Leicester, free), John Mousinho (Preston, free), Lucas Akins (Stevenage, undisclosed), Stuart Beavon (Preston, loan), Callum McFadzean (Sheffield United, loan)

Out: Jack Dyer, Gary Alexander, Michael Symes, Freddie Hall (all released), Zander Diamond (Northampton, free), Chris Hussey (Bury, free), Marcus Holmes (Tranmere, free), David Gray (Hibs, free)

BURY

In: Danny Mayor (Sheffield Wednesday, undisclosed), Nicky Adams (Rotherham, undisclosed), Ryan Lowe (Tranmere, undisclosed), Chris Hussey (Burton, free), Shwan Jalal (Bournemouth, free), Kiel O'Brien (Chorley, free), Kelvin Etuhu (Barnsley, free)

Out: Richard Hinds, Robbie McIntyre, Tommy Miller, Tope Obadeyi, Reice Charles-Cook (all released), Phil Picken (retired), Brian Jensen (Crawley, free), Trevor Carson (Cheltenham, free), Lewis Young (Crawley, free)

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

In: Chris Dunn (Yeovil, free), Robbie Simpson (Leyton Orient, free), Luke Chadwick (MK Dons, free), Johnny Hunt (Wrexham, free), Kwesi Appiah (Crystal Palace, loan)

Out: Kevin Roberts, Matthew Barnes-Homer, Sam Smith, Scott Garner (all released), Blaine Hudson (Wrexham, free), Ashley Chambers (Dagenham, free), Andy Pugh (Dartford, free), James Peters (Barton Rovers, free)

CARLISLE UNITED

In: Danny Grainger (Dunfermline, free), Antony Sweeney (Hartlepool, free), Billy Paynter (Doncaster, free), Gary Dicker (Crawley, free), Troy Archibald-Henville (Swindon, free), Daniel Kearns (Peterborough, free), Dan Hanford (unattached, free), Alex Marrow (Blackburn, free), Steven Rigg (Penrith, free)

Out: Pascal Chimbona, Chris Chantler, Danny Livesey, Prince Buaben, Nacho Novo, Mike Edwards, Jack Lynch, Lewis Guy (all released), James Barrett (Yeovil, free), Liam Noble (Notts County, free), Lee Miller (Kilmarnock, free), Greg Fleming (Celtic Nation, free), Dean Bouzanis (Western Sydney Wanderers, free)

PORTSMOUTH fans will be hoping 2014/15 is the season when their club can finally arrest their incredible slide.

A Premier League side as recently as 2009/10, Pompey actually flirted with relegation towards the end of their first season in the fourth tier since 1979/80 last season.

At one point in April they were only out of the automatic relegation zone on goal difference, but sacking Richie Barker and appointing Andy Awford as caretaker boss was the catalyst to improved fortunes.

Pompey won their first five League 2 games under Awford before ending the campaign with a 4-4 draw at Bury – they were 4-2 down with two minutes to go – and a 3-3 home draw against Plymouth to finish 13th.

That latter game featured a hat-trick from ex-Cherries midfielder Danny Hollands, who was on loan from Charlton at the time.

Hollands has now returned to the south coast permanently, and has been joined by a handful of players who know what it takes to do well in the fourth tier.

Goalkeeper Paul Jones and combative midfielder James Dunne were members of the Exeter City side that won promotion from League 2 in 2009.

"I'm joining a very good club and I'm excited to be here," Jones said on arriving.

"There was interest from other clubs. I listened to them but Portsmouth felt right, something in my head told me to join Portsmouth.

"This is a special club and I am

hoping to be part of an amazing journey here."

Also new in at Fratton Park this summer is striker Craig Westcarr, who scored 17 goals for League 1 club Walsall last season, and former Saints keeper Michael Poke.

Westcarr had the chance to stay in the third tier with ex-Saint Micky Adams at Port Vale, but was happy to drop down a division.

"I had a chat with the gaffer (Awford) and the chief executive, but they didn't really need to sell me this club because it's so big," Westcarr said on signing for Pompey.

"It was refreshing to hear their plans and what they're looking to achieve here.

"What they had to say made a lot of sense. They made me feel wanted.

"Hopefully we can have a successful season and finish higher than last year, while also forming a good team spirit.

"I'm confident that I can score goals and I think I'll have the right people alongside me to do just that."

Elsewhere in the division, former Salisbury City strike star Matt Tubbs has a chance to revitalise his career.

The 30-year-old has had few chances since moving to Bournemouth from Crawley in January 2012, and has joined AFC Wimbledon on a season long loan.

Tubbs last played in League 2 in 2011/12, when he bagged 18

CHEL TENHAM

In: Lee Vaughan (Kidderminster, free), Asa Hall (Shrewsbury, free), Paul Black (Mansfield, free), Andy Haworth (Notts County, free), Trevor Carson (Bury, free)

Out: Sam Deering, Ed Williams (all released), Sido Jombati (Wycombe, free), Scott Brown (Aberdeen, free), Ashley Vincent (Shrewsbury, free), Jermaine McGlashan (Gillingham, free)

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

In: Liam O'Brien (Brentford, free), Ashley Chambers (Cambridge, free), Damian Batt (Eastleigh, free), Mark Cousins (Colchester, free), Nathan Green (Tonbridge Angels, free), Frankie

Raymond (Eastbourne, undisclosed), Joss Labadie (Torquay, free), Matt Partridge (Reading, free)

Out: Matthew Saunders (released), Femi Ilesanmi (York, free), Alex Osborn (Ebbsfleet, free), Chris Lewington (Colchester, free), Jordan Seabright (Torquay, free), Luke Wilkinson (Luton, undisclosed), Medy Elito (VVV Venlo, undisclosed)

EXETER CITY

In: **Out:** Matt Gill, (Tranmere, free) Jake Gosling (Bristol Rovers, free), Artur Krysiak (Yeovil, free), Elliott Chamberlain (Gloucester City, free), John O'Flynn (Cork City, free), Jacob Wannell, Sam Parkin, Alan Gow, Jacob Jagger Cane (all released)

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

In: Matthew Bates (Bradford, free), Stuart Parnaby (Middlesbrough, free)

Out: Andy Monkhouse, Greg Rutherford, Zak Boagie, James Poole (all released), Antony Sweeney (Carlisle, free), Simon Walton (Stevenage, free)

LUTON TOWN

In: Curtley Williams (Lowestoft Town, free), Ross Lafayette (Welling, free), Ricky Miller (Boston United, free), Andy Drury (Crawley, free), Paul Connolly (Crawley, free), Luke Wilkinson (Dagenham, undisclosed), Lee Angol (Wycombe, free)

Out: Anthony Charles, Jon Shaw, David Viana (all released), Andre Gray

OUTS ... LEAGUE 2 INS AND OUTS ... LEAGUE 2 INS

New boys excited by Pompey challenge

SUMMER SIGNING: Cherries striker Matt Tubbs is on loan to AFC Wimbledon.

league and cup goals for Crawley by the end of January prior to a big money move to Cherries.

AFC Wimbledon needed a fresh injection of goals following the departure of Jack Midson to Eastleigh.

Midson was the Dons' top league scorer in 2012/13 with 13 goals and was second highest last term with seven.

Oxford United finished eighth last season but have lost two of their top three scorers from 2013/14 this summer.

Eastleigh snapped up James Constable, who was the U's top League 2 marksman with ten goals last term.

Plymouth Argyle landed Smalley, who was joint top league scorer last season with

seven goals and who, like Constable, was out of contract at Oxford.

Also new in at Plymouth is goalkeeper James Bittner, who made seven Conference Premier appearances last season for Salisbury City.

Shrewsbury Town have been the busiest fourth tier club this summer.

They have responded to last season's relegation by signing no fewer than 15 new players.

In contrast, James Beattie's Accrington Stanley have yet to sign any new players.

Sholing striker Lee Wort could be the first, though, as he is currently on trial with the Lancashire club as he seeks a dream move into the professional ranks.

MORECAMBE

In: Jamie Devitt (Chesterfield, free), Ryan Edwards (Blackburn, free), Shaun Beeley (Fleetwood, free), Alan Goodall (Fleetwood, free), Laurence Wilson (Accrington, free)

Out: Chris McCready, Robbie Threlfall, Joe Mwasele, Joe McGee (all released), Tony Diagne (Lincoln, free)

NEWPORT COUNTY

In: Darren Jones (AFC Wimbledon, free), Yan Klukowski (Forest Green, free), Kevin Feely (Charlton, free), Mark Byrne (Barnet, free).

Out: Ryan Burge (released), David Pipe (Forest Green, free), Harry Worley (Stevenage, free)

NORTHAMPTON TOWN

In: John-Joe O'Toole (Bristol Rovers, free), Evan Horwood (Tranmere, free), Zander Diamond (Burton, free), Daniel Alfei (Swansea, loan), Kaid Mohamed (Port Vale, loan), Marc Richards (Chesterfield, free)

Out: JJ Hooper (Havant & Waterlooville, free), Matt Harriott (Welling United), Paul Reid (Eastleigh, free) Joe Widdowson, Ben McNamara, Leon McSweeney, Claudio Dias, Gary Deegan, Alan Connell, Mathias Kou-Doumbe (all released)

OXFORD UNITED

In: Danny Hylton (Rotherham, free), Michael Collins (Scunthorpe, free)

Out: Scott Davies (released) Deane Smalley (Plymouth, free) James Constable (Eastleigh, free), Sean Rigg (AFC Wimbledon, free)

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

In: Lee Cox, (Swindon, free) Deane Smalley (Oxford, free), Reuben Reid (Yeovil, free), Carl McHugh (Bradford, free), Peter Hartley (Stevenage, free), Kelvin Mellor (Crewe, free), James Bittner (Salisbury, free)

Out: Durrell Berry, Andres Gurrieri, Maxime Blanchard, Neal Trotman, Matt Parsons, Rommy Boco, Isaac Vassell (all released) Jamie Richards (Linfield, loan), Luke Young, (Torquay, free), Conor Hourihane (Barnsley, undisclosed), Jake Cole (Woking, free)

PORTSMOUTH

In: Paul Jones (Crawley, free), Danny Hollands (Charlton, free), Craig Westcarr (Walsall, free), Nigel Atangana (Havant & Waterlooville, free), James Dunne (Stevenage, undisclosed), Michael Poke (Torquay, free), Alex Wynter (Crystal Palace, loan), Miles Storey (Swindon, loan)

Out: George Branford, Yassin Moutaouakil, Bondz N'Gala, Marcos Painter, Terry Racon, Liam Triggs, Josh Warren (all released), Sonny Bradley (Crawley, undisclosed), Simon Ferry (Dundee, free), Jake Jervis (Ross County, free), Ashley Harris (Gainsborough Trinity, free), Phil Smith (Aldershot, free)

SHREWSBURY TOWN

In: Ashley Vincent (Cheltenham, free), Nathaniel Knight-Percival (Peterborough, free), Mark Ellis (Crewe, free), Mickey Demetriou (Kidderminster, free), James Wesolowski (Oldham, free), Jayson Leutwiler (Middlesbrough, free), James Caton, (Blackpool, free), Scott Vernon (Aberdeen, free), Liam Lawrence (Barnsley, free), Mark Halstead (Blackpool, free), Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Tranmere, free), James Collins (Hibernian, undisclosed), Cameron Gayle (West Brom, free), Andy Robinson (Tranmere, free), Jordan Clark (Barnsley, free)

Out: Joe Anyon, Alex McQuade, Paul Parry, Tamika Mkwandawire (all released), Jon Taylor, (Peterborough, undisclosed) Asa Hall (Cheltenham, free), Tom Bradshaw (Walsall, free), Chris Weale (Yeovil, free), Luke Summerfield (York, free), Joe Jacobson (Wycombe, free), Dave Winfield (York free).

SOUTHEND UNITED

In: Myles Weston (Gillingham, free), Lee Barnard (Southampton, free)

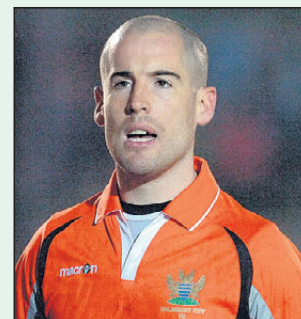
Out: Freddy Eastwood, Bedsente Gomis, Julian Bennett (all released), Anthony Straker (York, free), Mark Phillips (AFC Wimbledon, free), Marc Laird (Tranmere, free)

STEVENAGE

In: Harry Worley (Newport, free), Andy Bond (Chester, free), Sam Beasant (Woking, free), Dean Wells (Baintree, £25,000), Calvin Zola (Aberdeen, free), Ronnie Henry (Luton, free), Chris Whelpdale (Gillingham, free), Simon Walton (Hartlepool, free), Adam Marriott (Cambridge City, undisclosed), Charlie Lee (Gillingham, free), Chris Beardsley (Preston, free)

Out: Filipe Morais, Simon Heslop, Marcus Haber, Matt Ball, Jordan Burrow, Anthony Furlonge, Michael Thalassitis, Oumare Tounkara, Francois Zoko, Dani Lopez (all released)

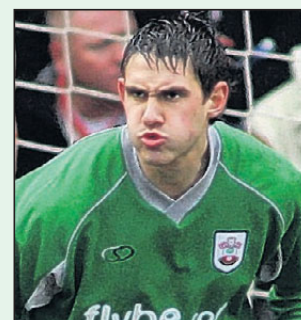
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SUMMER SIGNING: James Bittner.



SUMMER SIGNING: Danny Hollands.



SUMMER SIGNING: Michael Poke.



SUMMER SIGNING: James Constable.



SUMMER SIGNING: Paul Reid.

(Brentford, undisclosed), Ronnie Henry (Stevenage, free), Lathaniel Rowe-Turner (Alfreton, free)

MANFIELD TOWN

In: Luke Jones (Stevenage, free), Alex Fisher (AC Monza, undisclosed), Liam Hearn (unattached), Amari'i Bell (Birmingham, loan), Fergus Bell (AC Monza, free)

Out: Ross Dyer, Ben Hutchinson, James Jennings, Alan Marriott, George Pilkington, Godfrey Poku, Jake Speight, Lee Stevenson (all released), Colin Daniel (Port Vale, free), Paul Black (Cheltenham, free), Louis Briscoe (Torquay, free), Ian Deakin (Hearon Town, free), Keiran Murtagh (Woking, free), Lindon Meikle (York, free), James Jennings (Forest Green, free)

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SOPHIE'S APPEAL CHARITY SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



JAMES BEATTIE (left)

TURNING OUT FOR CHARITY: The 13 teams in the Sophie's Appeal charity tournament. Order no: 18948021



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SOPHIE BARRINGER

Cher class

CHERBOURG won the ninth Sophie's Appeal charity six-a-side football tournament at Crestwood College in Eastleigh.

They defeated AFC Spirit 2-1 while Stumpy won the third place play-off 1-0 against Shotgun Bang.

In all, 13 teams from local clubs and business came together to raise monies for Sophie's Appeal.

The tournament was played in good spirit and the patrons of Sophie's Appeal, ex-Saints striker James Beattie and his wife Sarah, turned up to lend their support.

Sophie's Appeal was started in 2003 by Mike and Lin Barringer after their daughter Sophie was diagnosed with Wilm's Disease, a form of kidney cancer.

Sophie, from Eastleigh, sadly passed away in December 2004, and the charity in her name has since raised tens of thousands of pounds towards cancer research.

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Non-league Football

Non-league News

Cuss hails new league
STEVE Cuss, manager of Southern One South & West side Wimborne Town, reckons the new Dorset Under-21 Development League will be a handy stepping stone for youngsters looking to break into the Mappies' first team.

The midweek competition, due to be launched this season, will see Wimborne's youngsters take on contemporaries from the likes of Dorchester Town, Poole Town and Weymouth.

"I think it's going to be really promising for us," said Cuss, pictured above.

"It gives some of our younger players a chance to show what they can do and improve their confidence.

"We've got a really strong youth set-up here, so the competitive experience can only help."



Laird is perfect fit

EX-Eastleigh goalkeeper Jason Matthews has appointed Craig Laird as his assistant manager at Southern Premier outfit Weymouth.

Former Weston-super-Mare and Bridgwater Town boss Laird has been working with the Terras in pre-season and will become a permanent fixture of the backroom staff.

Speaking about his new right-hand man, player-boss Matthews, pictured, said:

"Craig has come in for the last two games and has had a big input on training. He is coming here for the right reasons and we are delighted to have him. It gives us some experience that we knew we lacked.

"With myself playing it is not straightforward and sometimes you need an experienced person on the touch-line. It was a case of not rushing and bringing in the right man.

"I admired the way Weston played under him.

"Craig rang me and asked if he could do a bit of coaching. We had a look at him and he fits the bill perfectly."



RIX HAS A SURPRISE UP HIS SLEEVE



GRAHAM RIX

AFC PORTCHESTER'S head coach Graham Rix admits that losing targetman Jamie Musselwhite to Sydenhams Premier rivals Blackfield & Langley was "a big blow."

But, overall, the former Arsenal and England star is quietly content with how things are going at Wicor Recreation Ground.

In a tantalising preview of things to come, he said: "It was disappointing to lose Jamie, but next week we'll be announcing a new signing which will interest a few people.

"We've also been looking at a few lads in training sessions.

"Midfielder Elliot Ward, who's ex-

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It was in February last year that Portchester shook the Wessex world by unveiling Rix as their new head coach.

Seventeen months later the former Portsmouth boss and Chelsea caretaker manager is still enjoying it, having led the club to a best ever eighth in the Sydenhams Premier last term.

"I'm not being big-headed in saying I've been at higher levels, but I really like it here," said the 56-year-old.

"The lads are great and they work



PORTCHESTER EXIT: Jamie Musselwhite, left.

AFC Bournemouth and was at Bournemouth Poppies last season, has been with us and he's a good footballer."

With Musselwhite – scorer of 21 Wessex goals last term – off to Blackfield and Nathan Lynch stepping up with Sholing, Portchester have lost some muscular presence up top.

But Rix said: "We've got Nathan Kirby who can play up there and we're looking to convert one of our centre-halves, Craig Hardy, to that role. I reckon he'll do it as well!

"We'll have more or less the same squad as last season.

"With everything that's going on off the pitch, it's slowly-slowly for us. We'll work with what we've got and I want to try and develop some of the young lads who I trust for the future."

ever so hard.

"We've got bricklayers, roofers and scaffolders and they all come in, work hard and are as good as gold.

"There are no big-time Charlies and it's like good old-fashioned football at this level. There's no diving, no feigning injury, the lads just want to get on with it."

A rather rusty looking Portchester began their pre-season friendly programme with a 4-1 defeat to Ryman League visitors Worthing on Saturday.

On Tuesday they managed a 1-1 draw against a Pompey Academy side at Wicor Rec with Garry Moody heading home their 51st-minute leveller.

"We're still not 100 per cent, but I thought we played some decent football at times," said Rix.



DOUBLE: Andover Town's Ike Robertson, top.

Benson's men storm Castle

SYDENHAMS Premier new boys Andover Town continued their pre-season preparations with a 6-1 victory at Hampshire Premier League Winchester Castle.

Even though manager Neil Benson was without a number of his main squad, Town were 3-1 up by the break.

Gunner Yates crossed to the far post where Claudio Herbst headed home from a tight angle to open the scoring.

Nic Turpin chased a through ball and caught the bounce well to head over the advancing keeper and double the lead before Lewis Benson made it

three from an indirect free-kick.

Castle's persistence was rewarded with a goal before the break and Benson rang the changes in the second half.

Substitute Ike Robertson scored Andover's fourth after some clever play and ten minutes later he added Town's fifth. Late on, young Tommy Wright netted with a fierce strike to complete the scoring.

Town had previously drawn 1-1 with Sydenhams One outfit Amesbury Town at Sparsholt – Michael Dixon putting them ahead before Sparsholt College boy Keiron Stephens punished a defensive error.

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EASTLEIGH BOSS HILL SPOILT FOR CHOICE OVER CAPTAINCY

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SPOILT for choice manager Richard Hill will be making a late announcement about who will skipper Eastleigh on their maiden voyage into the Conference Premier.

With Glen Southam having left the club following last season's Conference South title glory, the Spitfires need a new face at the helm for the big kick-off at Nuneaton Town on Saturday week (August 9).

Streetwise defenders Dean Beckwith and Chris Todd have both worn the armband in the past and, on Tuesday, the vastly experienced Ben Strevens led the side out for the 0-0 friendly draw at Billericay Town.

All three possess the kind of leadership qualities manager Hill is looking for, but his list of options does not stop there.

Player/assistant boss Craig McAllister and Stuart Fleetwood are both well respected figures in the changing room and at least two other members of the squad have been captains elsewhere.

Jamie Collins wore the armband at Havant & Waterlooville, while new midfield signing Craig Stanley skippered Aldershot Town last term.

Asked when he would name his new leader, Hill smiled: "Probably at about a quarter-to-three before the Nuneaton game!"

"I know who my new captain is but I've not told the player yet."

"We've had a few skippers of the side in recent weeks and I'm not touting the armband round to see who does the best job. I want them all to take on the responsibility and do the things a captain should do. And even if they don't get the captaincy, I want them to carry on doing those things."

"Last season Glen Southam did a tremendous job as skipper. I'd never say a bad word about how he captained the side."

"But Strevens, Beckwith, Toddy and McAllister have been decent captains even without having the armband. So has Stuart Fleetwood."

"Just because you're not the captain doesn't mean you can't carry out the role."

Strevens was a case in point last season. The 34-year-old ex-Barnet and Dagenham & Redbridge man came into his own on the day Eastleigh triumphantly clinched the Conference South title with a 2-1 home win over Basingstoke Town.

"In the first half we looked a bit tired and we'd have gone in 1-0 down but for a good save by Rosco (Ross Flitney)," Hill recalled.



CAPTAINCY CONTENDER: Ben Strevens, right.

"When I walked into the dressing room, all the lads were sat down and there was Strevs going absolutely berserk, telling them this was our best chance of winning the league and that the performance was a disgrace."

"I just let him carry on until he'd got it out of his system. Strevs said 'sorry gaffer', but it was an unbelievable bit of captaincy, some of

the best I've seen, from a fella that wasn't captain."

"He wasn't rude to anyone individually, he just told them that collectively we weren't good enough – and I put myself in that category too because I'm one them."

"The second half was totally different. We were much brighter, we got the goals we needed and the rest is history..."

"I spoke to Strevs afterwards and told him what he did was brilliant."

"It allowed me not to be the bad guy for a change and what Strevs said carried far more power with the players because it had come from one of their own."

"He proved that you don't have to be captain to give someone a kick up the backside."

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NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Saturday, July 26

FRIENDLIES

Brockenhurst v Binfield, Cadnam Utd v Amesbury Town, Eastleigh v Crawley Town, Godalming Town v Sholing, Guildford City v Alresford Town, Moneyfields v Newbury, Portland Utd v Bournemouth Poppies, QK Southampton v Romsey Town, Redditch Utd v Gosport Borough, Tadley Calleva v Winchester City.

Tuesday, July 29

FRIENDLIES

Hungerford Town v Gosport Borough, Fleet Town v Basingstoke Town, Folland Sports v Eastleigh, QK Southampton v Hythe & Dibden Res, St Albans City v Eastleigh, US Portsmouth v Moneyfields (7.15pm).

Wednesday, July 30

FRIENDLY

AFC Totton v AFC Bournemouth XI.

Thursday, July 31

FRIENDLIES

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sholing, Stockbridge v Amesbury Town (7.15pm), Weymouth XI v Hythe & Dibden.

Friday, August 1

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Fawley AFC v Lymington Town, Verwood Town v Christchurch.

FRIENDLIES

Eastleigh v Northampton Town (7.30pm), Guernsey v Gosport Borough, Poole Town v Crystal Palace XI.

Saturday, August 2

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Bemerton HH v Petersfield, Blackfield & Langley v Andover Town, Brockenhurst v Newport IoW, Fareham Town v Whitchurch Utd, Horndean v Hamworthy Utd, Moneyfields v Alresford Town, Winchester City v Bournemouth Poppies.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Stoneham v Headley Utd, Bush Hill v Baffins Milton Rovers, Hamble Club v Otterbourne, QK Southampton v Locks Heath, Winchester Castle v Paulsgrove.

FRIENDLIES

AFC Totton v Dorchester Town, Arundel v Sholing, Basingstoke Town v Woking (2pm), Poole Town v Basingstoke Town, Wimborne Town v Gillingham Town, Yateley Utd v Sholing Res.

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Verwood set to lose top scorer

VERWOOD manager Carl Poore this week admitted defeat in his quest to retain last season's leading marksman Jack Lovell.

Despite the youngster appearing for the Potters in pre-season friendlies against Hamworthy Recreation and Wimborne Town, he looks set to link up with former Verwood manager Adie Arnold at Christchurch.

Should Lovell complete the switch, he would become the fourth Potters player to follow Arnold to Hurn Bridge, following in the footsteps of Nathan Saxby, Brad Hill and Ross Hampton-Brown.

But with a host of new faces stepping up from lower levels, former Cranborne boss Poore is confident his new-look outfit will be competitive in the Sydenhams Premier Division this season.

Striker Jordan Fisk, who notched 23 goals for Sturminster Marshall in the Dorset League last term, has been snapped up alongside frontrunner Carl Foster who returns from Lymington Town.

Poole Town full-back Josh Buck is set to dual register at Potterne Park, while highly-rated centre-half Grant Cormack comes in from Merley Cobham Sports.

Speaking earlier this week, Poore said: "I expect Jack (Lovell) to join Christchurch and we wish him all the best."

"My focus now is on bringing in someone of a similar calibre because his goals will take some replacing."

"We wanted to retain as much of last season's squad as possible, but we could only try to persuade people so many times and we were pleased to keep the majority."

"That was the important part of building a team ethic because I didn't want to kick off with loads of individuals."

"There is a real opportunity for these new lads to step up and shine and the initial signs are very encouraging."

Christchurch boss Arnold, meanwhile, has snapped up another two mainstays of his old Verwood side.

Defensive linchpin Ben Kelly has linked up with his former boss having finished last season with Blackfield & Langley, while ex-Potters striker Mike Haskell has also put pen to paper.

Ex-Blackfield goalkeeper Jamie Bray and flexible attacker Matt Vining, who scored 13 goals in 40 Wessex games for struggling Fawley AFC last term, complete the latest batch of players to join the Hurn Bridge overhaul.

We've been gazumped – Bradbury

IT hasn't been the best of weeks for Havant & Waterlooville.

Having agreed terms for next season with the Hawks, striker Dennis Oli rang manager Lee Bradbury on Tuesday morning saying he had had a change of heart.

An offer of a two-year contract from Conference South new boys Hemel Hempstead was apparently too good for Oli to turn down and the Hertfordshire club are closer to the Londoner's home.

Admitting he was bitterly disappointed to lose the former QPR, Grays and Gillingham forward, Bradbury said: "We

had agreed a deal with the player and basically we have been gazumped at the last minute."

"It is a bitter blow because we were looking forward to having him back playing alongside Bradley Bubb."

Tuesday lurched from bad to worse when Bradbury took his players off the pitch two minutes from the end of their goalless 'friendly' at Hungerford Town for fear of further injury.

Bradbury had already seen skipper Ed Harris left needing stitches after being elbowed across the forehead and admitted: "I feared for my players' safe-

ty in what was supposed to be a friendly."

"Player safety is paramount and I decided to call my players off and the game was abandoned."

Reporting on the match, Hungerford Town's official website stated: "In the final minute Harry Goodger was given a straight red for a foul on a Havant defender, but this was the last action of the game, although the Havant players reacted angrily to the foul before eventually being ushered away to the dressing room. A sad end to an otherwise interesting game."

As a result of that bruising battle, Havant have pulled out of this Tuesday's pre-season fixture at FA Vase winners Sholing.

An H&W statement confirmed: "The pre-season match against Sholing FC that was meant to be played on July 29 has now been called off."

"This is due to injuries/illness to the Hawks first-team squad, currently running at seven players."

"It is felt that nothing can be gained by playing this extra fixture and the club would like to thank Sholing FC for their understanding in this matter."

SAUNDERS LAUDS "ROLE MODEL" HUNT

PETERSFIELD Town boss Ian Saunders says star summer signing Warren Hunt has been "a bit of a role model" for his newly-promoted young side.

Former Portsmouth and Sholing striker Hunt hasn't exactly been a choirboy during his career, but his attitude has impressed his new manager since his arrival from Sydenhams Premier rivals Moneyfields.

"I'm not worried about past misdemeanours because it's not always about the individual, it can be about other players too," said Saunders, who doubles up as head coach of the army development squad.

"We've got a young side here and we were quite well disciplined on the whole last year."

"I've asked Warren to take on lots of responsibility in the hope that he'll flourish and he's actually been a bit of a role model."

"We've already got an excellent skipper in Alex Ward whose brother Joel is at Crystal Palace, so he

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comes from good breeding.

"But Warren's also taken responsibility and is filling that role without the captain's armband."

"Signing a player like Warren is fantastic for a club like Petersfield."

"The club's been in the doldrums, but now we're back at Premier level and we wanted to make sure we got some experience – and Warren fills that void."

Having taken several Premier Division scalps en route to May's Sydenhams League Cup final, Petersfield already know they can hack it with the big boys.

But Saunders hasn't rested on his laurels this summer, adding strength through the spine of his Sydenhams One title-winning side.

Brad Miles, a central midfielder, has signed from Sussex League outfit Bosham and Nick Edgington will bolster the heart of defence follow-

ing his move from Bognor Regis Town.

Hunt's experience complements a hungry, young strike force who plundered 118 goals in just 30 league games last season and joining him from Moneyfields is wide midfielder Jake Slater.

"We've got an excellent goalkeeper in Matt Short who I'm very content with, but I felt I needed to strengthen through the spine and bring a bit of experience into a really young squad," Saunders explained.

"Hopefully with the additions we've made we can get off to a decent start, but it's a difficult one. We've got Bemerton away to start with followed by Portchester and Follands at home!"

Peterfield went goal crazy last weekend, blitzing Chichester City United 12-0 in Sussex.

Ryan Coker bagged another brace, taking his tally to five in three games, and there were two-apiece for Hunt, Robbie Tambling and Andy Todd. Skipper Ward, Alex Lowley, Ash Howes and Slater also found the net.



EXPERIENCE:
Warren Hunt.

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RILEY: WRENCH TO LOSE LUKE

Stags hotshot joins Poole



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LUKE Roberts, one of AFC Totton's shining lights of the last two seasons, is leaving to join Southern Premier promotion hopefuls Poole Town.

But much as the Stags are disappointed to be losing their home-grown attacking livewire, they are eternally grateful to Roberts for standing by the club through two very difficult years at the Testwood Stadium.

Having broken into the side as the new kid on the block during a turbulent 2012/13 campaign, last summer's mass exodus of senior players left the youngster as one of the 'old' heads in an extremely youthful Stags squad last term.

Despite his relative inexperience and slight build, Roberts, pictured, coped well in the physical arena of the Southern Premier Division and was voted supporters' player-of-the-season as Totton narrowly lost their fight for top-flight survival.

Confirming Poole's interest, manager Steve Riley said: "I spoke to Luke in depth and he wants to play at the highest level.

"He's going to Bournemouth University and, while it's a big wrench to lose him, he's been at Totton quite a while and I would never want to hold someone like him back.

"Luke's been really good for us, a great servant to the club.

"He stuck around during adverse times and I wish him all the best.

"It's a shame we couldn't persuade him to stay, but he goes with our blessing.

"I'll monitor the situation and if it doesn't work out for him at Poole he's welcome to come back.

"I think he's a talent but, in my opinion, he could have done with one more season as a regular starter.

"My only concern is that he might not be a regular down at Poole. We'll have to wait and see how that one turns out."

Ambitious Poole boss Tom Killick, whose side are hoping to improve on seventh last term, said: "Luke has a lot of ability and pace.

"Physically he needs to develop a little bit, but he is a player with great potential and I am optimistic he will do well for us.

"On his day he causes opposing teams plenty of problems and, with him starting at Bournemouth University in September, it is an ideal move for everyone."

Roberts penned his first contract for Totton last summer as reward for the promise shown during the 2012/13 campaign.

Riley did discuss the possibility of a fee with Poole, but said: "Tom (Killick) wasn't willing to part with any money.

"At the end of the day, we're not going to keep players at the club if their heart's not in it and they don't want to stay."

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Robins rocked at Rec
STOCKBRIDGE went down 4-1 at home to Sydenhams Premier outfit Fareham Town on Tuesday in a hastily arranged friendly at The Rec.

Both sides fielded large squads and the first half was fairly even until Fareham's Wayne Boud netted on the half hour.

Two strikes from ex-Brockenhurst and Winchester forward Lerone 'Rudy' Plummer and one from John Wilson made it four. Jack Hutchings scored for

Hampshire League newcomers Stockbridge who battled well against a side two divisions above them.

Mac joins new boys
FORMER Portsmouth and Havant & Waterlooville centre-back Gary MacDonald has joined Southern Premier new boys Slough Town.

MacDonald joined the Hawks in August 1999 after being released by Pompey and became a bedrock of the H&W defence.

He made a major impact with 77 appearances over a season and a half before attracting the attention of Football League club Peterborough United where he played 21 games over a two-year spell.

From there, MacDonald moved on to Stevenage, Ebbsfleet and, most notably, Woking where he made 128 appearances.

Following a spell with Hayes & Yeading, he returned to the Hawks in 2009 and has more recently turned out for Kingstonian, Met Police and Walton Casuals.

Stags forced to cancel
AFC TOTTON have had to call off today's (Saturday) home friendly against Slough Town. Problems with the pitch watering system meant last Saturday's planned game with Winchester City fell by the wayside and the problem is still being resolved.

The Southern One South & West outfit will be working hard to ensure the Testwood Stadium pitch is watered and ready for Wednesday's visit of an AFC Bournemouth XI.

The Stags won Tuesday's friendly 3-2 at Sydenhams Premier club Folland Sports with goals by Joe Maxwell, Taylor Edwards and new American midfield signing Kyle O'Brien.

Killick sees Terras as serious threat

TOM Killick has backed Weymouth to pose a serious threat in this season's Southern Premier title race.

Bookmakers have touted both Killick's Poole Town side and the Terras as contenders for the crown with St Neots Town installed as red-hot favourites in the pre-season betting.

St Neots have caught the eye with a heavy recruitment drive this summer - their most notable captures being prolific strike duo Chris Dillon and Drew Roberts from play-off finalists Chesham United.

But Killick, pictured, believes



Weymouth will prove just as powerful as the Cambridgeshire outfit.

"Financially speaking, St Neots and Weymouth are the big guns and will be very difficult to stop," said the Tatnam boss.

"I recently tried to sign a player that Weymouth were in for and we were not able to offer anything close to what they did.

"With the resources they have at their disposal, their status as one of the favourites does not surprise me.

"When we went to St Neots last sea-

son, their chairman said they were planning a promotion push this time.

"To go from where they were last season (16th) to winning the title would be a significant jump, but from what we've heard they have done good business.

"Hungerford are always strong and Dorchester now seem to be in a better place financially.

"Dorchester have players like Jamie Gleeson, Nick Crittenden, Ben Joyce and Nathan Walker who would hold their own in the Conference South and they could be a dark horse."

Poole finished seventh last season

and, despite stiff competition this time round, Killick is determined they will be up amongst it.

"It will be tough, but I still feel we should be fighting to win it," he said.

"That has always been my mentality and the one I have tried to instil into the club.

"I would rather look at it like that than wheel out the widely accepted line of playing it all down.

"We need to be in the play-offs as a minimum requirement and the likes of Hungerford, Dorchester and one or two others will probably share that expectation."

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Fareham strengthen backroom

SYDENHAMS Premier Division outfit Fareham Town have made some key backroom appointments.

Bringing additional expertise to the first-team coaching staff are Andy Neal and ex-Eastleigh academy coach Dave Hazelgrove.

Neal joins Fareham after jointly managing Locks Heath to the Hampshire Premier League title two seasons ago and runners-up spot last term.

Dave Fuge, who managed alongside Neal at Locks, will run Fareham's reserves alongside Courtland Swan in the Wyvern Combination League.

Hazelgrove is no stranger to Cams Alders having played for Town during their early Wessex League days.

He turned out for a variety of other Wessex clubs before embarking on his coaching badges.

For nearly ten years Hazelgrove has been providing local schools with a variety of sporting opportunities, but his real passion is coaching talented, young footballers.

In 2008 he joined Eastleigh's academy set-up and moved on to coach their under-16 and reserve teams.

Also new in at Fareham this summer is popular goalkeeping coach Reggie Palmer.

After working for Romsey, Follands and with Guy Butters at Winchester City, Palmer moved to Blackfield & Langley where he was part of their 2012/13 Sydenhams title-winning success story.

"It's not going to be an easy season and we wanted to have new bodies around the club both on and off the pitch," explained Fareham manager Matt Parr.

"Team-wise Ash Tattersall has left us to join Moneyfields and Mat Jones has retired.

"We've brought in mainly young players this summer with a couple of older heads like James Ford, who played for Gosport and was at Winchester City last season.

"James is very experienced and knows the league well.

"We've also brought in (ex-Eastleigh attacking midfielder) Liam Robinson who was at Winchester and Lymington last season. Liam was with us before but left to join Sholing. "We've got new bodies in and we'll see how we go. After finishing tenth, it's important for us to get back into the top-six this season."

New in at Fareham is former QK Southampton, Brockenhurst and Winchester City striker Lerone 'Rudy' Plummer, who netted twice in Tuesday's 4-1 friendly win at Hampshire League newcomers Stombridge. Wayne Boud and John Wilson also hit the mark.

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NEW defensive signing Stuart Mott continued his pre-season scoring streak as FA Vase winners Sholing edged the battle of the Wembley finalists 4-3 against Gosport Borough on Tuesday.

All four Boatmen's goals were headers from set-pieces – a fact that did not go unnoticed by a "fuming" Alex Pike, manager of beaten FA Trophy finalists Gosport.

Barry Mason gave Sholing the lead from a first-minute corner before Lee Molyneaux and Stuart Green put Gosport in front.

After ex-Alresford man Mott had equalised, Green restored the Conference South visitors' advantage, but Borough did not learn their lesson and were punished by further headers from Dan Miller and Mott.

"I'm fuming we conceded four goals from set-pieces. It's disappointing to do that at any level, let alone a Conference South side," raged Pike.

"Sometimes you learn more in defeat than in winning games. We know we have got lots to work on and we will do it. In open play, I thought we were the better team."

While pleased with the win, Sholing co-manager Dave Fear wasn't entirely happy either, admitting: "The three goals we conceded weren't very good. They all came from mistakes.

"Their first was a carbon-copy of ours and their second came after Stuart Mott had done well to cut the ball out initially, but it hit him and deflected into the path of their player. Gosport's third was a scrappy set-piece."

Praising new signing Mott, Fear added: "He's got great movement, he's strong and quick and he reads the game well."

Operation

Sholing have brought in teenage full-back Kane Crisp from AFC Totton and re-signed left-back Samuel Olaofe, a Southampton University student who broke into the first team towards the end of last season.

And with central defensive rock Pete Castle likely to be out until at least October following a knee operation, they have been casting an eye over ex-Wimborne Town defender Patrick Wilson.

Fear explained: "Pete (Castle) was around on Tuesday walking without crutches having had an operation towards the end of June.



AT THE HELM: Sholing's management team of Dave Fear, left, and Mick Marsh.

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"He's been told he can't do any running yet, but he's doing stretching exercises to start with. It's possible he could be back in training in five or six weeks and maybe playing again by October.

"We're having a look at Patrick Wilson and he played in our first friendly. He's living on the Isle of Wight at the moment (where he is head of education/coach for AFC Bournemouth), but he's due to be moving over to the Bournemouth area."

Another likely signing is pacy frontman/full-back Jude Nwachukwu who played for Sholing's new coach Stuart Hussey at Totton & Eling last season.

Nwachukwu is currently back at home in Crawley on his summer break from



CELEBRATION: Sholing's Stuart Mott (facing camera) with his team after scoring.

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university, but has been travelling back and forth for pre-season games and training.

Recommended

"Jude's not put pen to paper yet, but he's really impressed in a couple of friendlies and has shown willing by travelling along from Crawley," said Fear. "Stuart (Hussey) recommended him to us and brought him over. Jude's a young lad, very quick and strong, and he can play at full-back as well as up front. Stu played him at full-back a couple of times last season and says he did well, using his speed and strength well."

Another new face to feature in pre-season is former Winchester City goalkeep-

er Rory Anderson from B Langley. With plenty more to come next season following promotion to the Southern One South & West, the club want cover for first-choice Brown and Matt Renouf. "He remains with the club, but the experienced stopper is concentrating on coaching and can't commit to playing."

Sholing's pre-season continues on Thursday (August 21) at Godalming Town today (Saturday) at Bemerton Heath (away) on Thursday and Arundel on Saturday (August 23).

They had been due to host Waterlooville this Tuesday but the Hawks have pulled out due to injury/illness problems.

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BORO' CHALLENGE WEMBLEY FINALISTS



Stuart Green heads Gosport into a 3-2 lead against Sholing.

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Sholing's Dan Miller heads home to level at 3-3. Daily Echo pictures by Chris Moorhouse Order no: 18961487

The win that keeps on giving ...

IT'S over two months since Sholing enjoyed their glory day out at Wembley – and the FA Vase has scarcely left triumphant manager Dave Diaper's side.

He has been proudly parading the trophy at every opportunity, acutely aware that it could be some time before lower non-League's most prized possession graces the south again.

Marvin McLean's historic winner ended five years of Northern League dominance in the Vase and Sholing's 1-0 triumph over West Auckland will only strengthen northern resolve to wrestle it back.

Diaper, who has stepped up to the chairman's role at Portsmouth Road, said: "I'm trying to get the trophy out and about as much as possible because you never know when it's going to come back down south."

"We know exactly how hard it is to win and, while Winchester City or Blackfield & Langley may be capable of winning it, they will need a bit of luck because the northern teams are so strong."

Vase visits have proved particularly popular with local schoolchildren, some of whom have surprised Diaper in question and answer sessions.

"I was at Glenfield Infant School in Bitterne the other day talking to a class of seven-year-olds," he said.

"I asked if there were any questions and one young lad said: 'What were the thoughts of the opposing manager after the game when you beat them 1-0?'"

"That was from a seven-year-old!!!"

"I told him I felt sorry for him (the West Auckland manager) for about two seconds!"



PROUD MOMENT: Dave Diaper with the FA Vase at Wembley.

Then I took the young lad's details because I'm sure he's going to be someone very important one of these days!" he laughed.

Diaper has also called in at Beechwood Junior School and was busy last weekend showing off the Vase at Sholing's inaugural under-11 9v9 tournament at Hardmoor and a fun day at St Andrew's Church.

"We're a community club and, within reason, if anyone wants us to turn up with the Vase we'd be happy to do so," he said.

"Preferably it would be outside of work hours so that the players can come as well. I'm sure people would rather see them than me."

"We've got Hamble Community Sports College coming up in October when Year 11 kids will be part of the audience."

"The Vase goes back in March, so organisations need to make the most of this time if they want to see the trophy close up."

Mason's 'feeling the buzz'

SHOLING attacker Barry Mason admits he is "feeling the buzz" ahead of next season despite fearing he'd struggle for motivation.

Mason – brother of skipper Byron and returning winger Dan from Folland Sports – was concerned that, after the high of winning the FA Vase and the Sydenhams Premier Division last term, he would feel deflated about the new campaign in the Southern League South & West Division One.

But it has been completely the opposite for the 27-year-old.

Under the new stewardship of co-managers Dave Fear and Mick Marsh, Sholing have a completely different complexion and Mason is looking forward to getting the season underway.

"There's a lot more youth in the side now and we're playing in a different system," he said.

"I'm really feeling the buzz when I didn't think I would after such a good season."

"I'm being played in a different position as one of the attacking three, which is great for me."

"There I'm able to express myself – it's really exciting."

Chairman Dave Diaper stepped from management after the Vase final and several first team stalwarts retired, including Tyrone Bowers, Lee Bright and Marc Diaper.

Under Diaper's management Mason, pictured below, was mainly utilised as a right winger.

The task was given to reserve team boss Fear and long term first team coach Marsh to take the reins.

While they brought back many of last season's squad, the duo have also worked hard at bringing in a number of new faces.

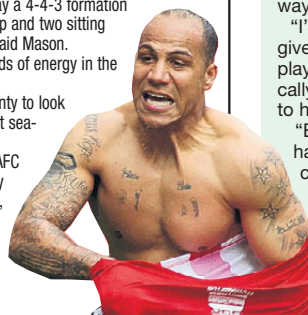
Among them are Stuart Mott from Alresford, former Winchester City and Gosport Borough striker Nathan Lynch, Blackfield & Langley pair Mike Byrne and Jack Smith, and Dan Mason.

"We now play a 4-4-3 formation with one up top and two sitting just behind," said Mason.

"There's loads of energy in the team."

"There's plenty to look forward to next season."

"We've got AFC Totton, Bashley and Wimborne, so they're all local teams that will make it interesting."



Non-league News

Oilers hoping stopper woes are behind them



GOALKEEPING problems were the bane of Fawley AFC's life in the Sydenhams Premier Division last term.

But already the outlook seems brighter.

Adam Tong has returned to the Waterside club from Sholing reserves and former No1 Joe Prodomo, pictured above, is supporting the Oilers' coaching team while he continues to battle back trouble.

It was Prodomo's injury that proved an early turning point of Fawley's 2013/14 campaign.

With him in goal they quickly turned the corner on a heavy 7-0 defeat by Winchester City to win two and draw one of their next three games.

But that was about as good as it got for the Oilers who didn't have a settled 'keeper to call their own until Dan Loader arrived towards the end of the season.

Whether former Christchurch, Weymouth and Bashley man Prodomo will play again remains to be seen, but co-boss Richie Coxall is just glad to have him around.

He said: "Joe's struggling long-term with back trouble and can't seem to shake it off."

"He's only early-20s and he's built up a good reputation around the Forest and down Bournemouth way."

"I'm not saying Joe's given up completely on playing again, but realistically it doesn't seem likely to happen."

"But we're delighted to have him supporting the coaching team and he's welcome to stay for as long as he wants to be here."

Paul Carr, Coxall's assistant when he led them to promo-

tion to the Sydenhams Premier, has returned to provide back-up for Coxall, co-boss Callum Earl and assistant manager Wayne Harvey.

Another familiar face, Paul Winters, will take dual charge of the reserves alongside Paul Buckthorpe, with Jason Ford as their right-hand man.

Player-wise Fawley have lost the attacking talent of Matt Vining to Christchurch, but the likes of Ben Murphy, club captain and centre-half Chris Lucas, Aaron Lucas, Keiran Earl and Elliott Earl are staying put along with highly-rated midfielder Callum Tanner.

Midfield man Lewis Ross, dual-signed with AFC Totton last term, has been training with Fawley while keeping his options open with Steve Riley's Stags. But he will miss the start of the season after breaking his foot while on holiday.

New in are ex-New Milton full-back Paul Bryant, former Totton and Romsey centre-half Liam Waterhouse and left-back Josh Green.

Attacking-wise Fawley have swooped for centre-forward Joe Wood, a prolific scorer with Merley Cobham Sports in the Dorset Premier League, Kieran Palmer, formerly of Sholing reserves, and ex-Colden Common under-18 Dillon Knight.

Club favourite Tom Hardiman, who can play either up front or just behind, is looking to play more regularly this season having turning out only sparingly last term due to injury and personal commitments.

Fawley kick off the new campaign next Friday (August 1, 7.45pm) at home to John Pyatt's Lymington Town.

Non-league Football

Aldershot strengthen ahead of Eastleigh TV date

ALDERSHOT Town, Eastleigh's first ever Conference Premier visitors next month, have made a new mid-field signing.

The north Hampshire club have welcomed in Naby Diallo from Weston-super-Mare on a one-year contract.

Diallo, 23, impressed in the Shots' opening pre-season friendly against Chelsea under-21s last week.

A dynamic and skilful central midfielder, the Moscow-born Guinean began his career in the Bristol City youth academy before continuing his scholarship with Bristol Rovers.

Spells at Minehead, Gloucester City and Oldland Abbotians preceded Diallo's move to Conference South outfit Weston in July 2010.

During his time with the Seagulls, he helped them to their best ever finish of seventh in 2012/13.

In January last year he reached the final 11 in the Samsung 'Win A Pro Contract' competition which attracted over 5,000 applications to earn deals with Leyton Orient and Swindon Town.

Welcoming Diallo into the fold, Shots boss Andy Scott, who recently lost skipper/midfielder Craig Stanley to Eastleigh, said: "Naby was confident enough to come in for pre-season and say: 'I'll show you what I can do.'"

"He's a very talented player, he can play several positions and his versatility will help, but I think he can hold down a position in his own right."

"He's quick, he's strong, he can tackle, can use both feet, he's a good passer and he understands the game. Plus, he's a really nice young man and he's fitted in really well."

The Shots, who will play Eastleigh in a live BT Sport televised match at the Silverlake on Thursday, August 14 (7.45pm), have also signed midfielder Kieron Forbes on loan from Forest Green Rovers until the end of January 2015.

Town sign ex-Saint Argent

FORMER Saints trainee Sam Argent has signed non-contract forms for Conference South outfit Basingstoke Town.

The 22-year-old Basingstoke-born front-man joins Liam Enver-Marum, Manny Williams, Chris Flood and fellow new signing Lloyd Macklin in a healthy looking strike force at Town's newly-named Soccer AM Stadium.

Argent started out as a right-back with Saints and Hayes & Yeading United before moving up front and banging in goals galore for Whitchurch United and Hartley Wintney.

Basingstoke boss Jason Bristow said: "A lot of people are keen to see Sam do well here and I am certainly one of them."

"He has scored for fun at lower levels and we watched him a couple of times last year."

"We have been impressed with his attitude and work-rate as well as his goals. We are pleased to have him in the squad and hopefully he will continue to get better."

Argent joined Saints as an under-11 and spent almost a decade at the club.

He was a pro for three years, trained under Alan Pardew and Nigel Adkins, and was in the same youth/reserves team as England star Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

His career has been hampered by injuries, however, and it was Whitchurch who helped him on the road to recovery after he had broken his leg in his very first game for Winchester City.

Macklin, also 22, was a highly-rated teenager at Swindon Town. He also played for Torquay United in the Football League before being released last summer, spending the season with several



ON THE BALL: Sam Argent who has signed for Basingstoke Town.

non-League clubs.

"Lloyd knows he has a lot to prove but has been a real handful throughout pre-season," Bristow said. "He's quick and strong on the ball. He's hungry for success and wants to prove a few people wrong."

"It's great to have options in attack and we have a strike force who are hungry. It

will be down to them to force their way into the side, but all of them have got goals in them."

Pleasingly, all five strikers have found the back of the net during pre-season. Williams, Macklin and Argent were on target as Town beat Hungerford 3-1 last Thursday, while Flood – a summer signing

from Winchester – gave the hosts an early lead as they drew 1-1 with Newport County on Tuesday.

Former Aldershot, AFC Totton and Gosport Borough midfielder Ryan Scott was the only other trialist to feature against Newport, with Bristow set to make a decision on his future in the coming days.

MCMANUS SEARCHING FOR FINAL PIECE OF BROCKENHURST JIGSAW

BROCKENHURST'S Pat McManus has left no stone unturned this summer in his quest to attract a proven goalscorer to Grigg Lane.

With every other area of his team sorted, the Badgers boss had hoped Blackfield & Langley striker Craig Feeney or ex-Brock frontman Scott Joyce would provide the perfect spearhead for the new Sydenhams Wessex Premier campaign.

But after leaving Bashley, Joyce has moved to SWL Bemerton Heath Harlequins where his best mate Max Frampton plays in goal.

Feeney, meanwhile, politely turned down interest from Brock and Fawley AFC to accept the challenge of Southern One South & West football with another of his old flames AFC Totton.

"It's been the eternal search!" said McManus, pictured right.

"I thought I'd nailed Jack Satterley from Blackfield & Langley but he's interested in going down the route to professional football in the Philippines that Blackfield are offering."

"Jack would only have been a short-term fix in any case because he's going away travelling for three months in November. I'd initially discounted him for that reason, but when our search

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for a striker fell through elsewhere I spoke to Jack again.

"Craig Feeney was swayed by the higher level and we missed out on Joyce because his best pal Max Frampton's there and he's got someone to travel to Bemerton with."

"I also spoke to (former Downtown, Winchester and Whitchurch marksman) Nic Turpin, but he wanted to stay local and he and (defender) Matt Scott have played a couple of friendlies for Andover Town."

"I also tried to get Dougie Rowe, but he's gone to Moneyfields from Totton & Eling, and I invited Jack Lovell along to training but it looks as if he's going to Christchurch with (ex-Verwood Town boss) Adie Arnold."

"When it comes to finding a striker, it seems like Brock are always the bridesmaid but never the bride!"

"It's quite frustrating because we've got everything else in place."

McManus, though, was chasing a new lead this week which will hopefully come up trumps.

Daryll Phillips, scorer of five goals in 20 Wessex appearances for Winchester City last term, has been told he is surplus to requirements by the Abbotts Barton title favourites who have quality trio Zach Glasspool, Warren Bentley and Sam Wilson vying for the frontline spots.

Phillips was due to play for Brock in a friendly on Thursday and, speaking prior to that game, McManus said: "Daryll would probably give us what we need, bringing other people into play."

"He's strong, but he's got some quality on the floor too which would probably work for us."

"We've done all right in pre-season and whoever's played up front has done well. Dan Smith, who was with me at Winchester, did OK up there. But, while Dan gives us the workrate, but I don't think he's got 20 goals in him."

"We drew 1-1 with Littlehampton and beat the Bournemouth FA representative side 5-2 (Dan Maher, Smith, Martyn Randall, Matt Gray, Tom Ashton) to win the Dave Lane

Memorial Shield.

"Last Saturday we lost 2-1 at home to East Preston who won the Sussex equivalent of the Wessex League last season."

"They're a good side, but if we'd taken our chances we'd have won."

"Our captain Harry Jeffries scored for us, but they've hit one from outside the box and then we scored an own goal through one of our trialists Tom Pigford."

"Before that we hit the post and the bar and forced some good saves. I'm more than happy with the team, but a decent No9 would be the final piece in the jig-saw."

Having had three goalkeepers with them all summer, Brock have decided to re-sign Nathan Goodger, bring in Sam Cousins from Team Solent and let George Passingham go.

Left-sided player Murray Holmes, a Totton & Eling man last term, is set to join Brock's growing family of ex-AFC Bournemouth players, while former Eastleigh youngster Sam Gristwood will add competition at centre-half.

The Badgers are also keen to sign former Eastleigh and Winchester City attacking midfielder Matt Gray, who has impressed in pre-season, but it would only be a temporary measure before he jets off to America.

Horse Racing

BANK ON O'BRIEN TO WORK HIS MAGIC

MAGICIAN can spring a minor surprise and bounce back to his very best with victory in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

Despite being the top-rated horse in the field, he comes into the race a little under the radar as much of the attention is focused upon Hardwicke Stakes victor Telescope and Oaks winner Taghrooda, both of whom hold excellent claims.

Magician has not quite hit the expected heights so far this term, with Aidan O'Brien clearly anticipating plenty from a colt who won the Breeders' Cup Turf at the end of last year.

Nothing went right for him in the Sheema Classic at Meydan in March, while he failed to really sparkle when narrowly defeating Parish Hall in a Curragh Group Three.

Heads were then down after Noble Mission beat him on very testing ground in the Tattersalls Gold Cup.

He put up a perfectly respectable show at Royal Ascot, though, finishing just under two lengths behind when second to The Fugue in the Prince of Wales's Stakes over what could well be a slightly inadequate ten-furlong trip.

Magician just lacked the necessary extra gear when The Fugue challenged but that effort represented a return to something like his best form and a switch back up in trip can see the Galileo colt shine once more.

King Torus just sneaks into the Longines International Stakes at the bottom of the hand-



AIDAN O'BRIEN

icap and he can make good use of his comparative feather weight at long odds.

The six-year-old was a dual Group Two winner back in his juvenile days but he lost his way a bit before departing the Hannon team to join Jamie Osborne last year.

He won a couple of minor events for that handler but has really stepped his game up since joining Ruth Carr this year, winning each of his three outings for the North Yorkshire trainer.

Narrow wins at Newcastle and Ripon were supplemented with success at Doncaster recently, and while none of those events were as competitive as this, King Torus has certainly been making strides and arrives in top form.

His Pattern successes show he has a touch of

class and though King Torus has plenty to find with the horses at the top, he arrives in fine heart and will have the fast ground he so clearly relishes.

Osaila impressed when beating the colts at Doncaster recently and can strike Group Three gold in the Princess Margaret Juddmonte Stakes.

She was beaten just over six lengths in the Albany Stakes at the Royal meeting last month before going on to claim a confidence-boosting three-length verdict on Town Moor with the minimum of fuss.

Osaila turns out again just over a week later but Richard Hannon is clearly confident a quick comeback will present few problems for a filly held in high regard.

Danadana can finally score a first victory in 2014 in the Skybet York Stakes on the Knavesmire.

The six-year-old is finally free of the penalty he incurred for winning a Turkish Group Two last year, a race which only equates to Listed level in British terms.

That extra bit of weight saw him firmly anchored on his reappearance in the Earl of Sefton, while he was beaten over 10 lengths at Chester on his latest start in May.

However, he was up against Noble Mission and Telescope that day so a hefty defeat can be forgiven and he is back in with a chance in this Group Two.

Zalty just lost out in one of Ireland's most competitive sprint handicaps last time but compensation awaits in the Skybet Dash.

He was drawn in an unfavourable low stall on that occasion but still turned in an excellent effort in first-time blinkers to be beaten just half a length.

He has to race off a 6lb higher mark here but David Marnane is pretty shrewd and would not be making the trip if he did not think Zalty was in with a proper shout.

Athenian made a successful seasonal bow at Newmarket earlier this month and can follow up again for Sir Mark Prescott in the Adnams Ghost Ship Fillies' Handicap back at Headquarters.

Tap Your Toes in the choice in the Bathwick Tyres Maiden Stakes at Salisbury, while Fairy Mist can go well in Lingfield's Mark's 'Final Furlong' Handicap.

At Newcastle, Crisis Averted can earn top honours in the Collingwood Fleet Insurance Handicap.

SELECTIONS:

ASCOT: 1.30 Peacock, 2.05 Osaila, 2.40 Kafel, 3.15 King Torus, 3.50 MAGICIAN (NAP), 4.25 See The Storm, 5.00 High Master. LINGFIELD: 5.30 Rock Follies, 6.00 Elizma, 6.30 Born to Fly, 7.00 Fairy Mist, 7.35 Mister Bob, 8.05 Daydreamer, 8.35 Censorius. NEWCASTLE: 1.55 Ythan Waters, 2.30 Crisis Averted, 3.05 Repetition, 3.40 Rayadour, 4.15 Wilhana, 4.50 I'll Be Good, 5.25 Lil Sophella. NEWMARKET: 2.10 Future Empire, 2.45 Ajmany, 3.20 Athenian, 3.55 Greeb, 4.30 Fanciful Angel, 5.05 Lawyer, 5.35 Mymatechris. SALISBURY: 5.45 Galatian, 6.15 Rough Courte, 6.45 Joyous, 7.15 More Drama, 7.50 Tap Your Toes, 8.20 Air Squadron, 8.50 Alzanti. WEXFORD: 2.15 Dash, 2.50 Longton, 3.25 Renown, 4.00 Millington, 4.35 Hangar Five, 5.10 Gun Shoot, 5.40 Black Spot On. YORK: 1.50 Kleo, 2.20 Short Squeeze, 2.55 Danadana, 3.30 Zalty, 4.05 Must Have, 4.40 Itlaag, 5.15 Pillar Box. DOUBLE: Magician and King Torus.

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5.45 CPA SCAFFOLDING 'CARNARVON' HANDICAP (GENTLEMAN AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £2,808.

1	15-020	IMPERIAL GLANCE (24) (CD)(BF) A Balding 4 11 7	Mr H Hunt (5) 6
2	03-002	GALATIAN (17) B Millman 7 11 7	Mr S Walker 4
3	656005	LIONHEART (9) P Crate 4 11 6	Mr G Crate (5) 1
4	022102	HAIL PROMENADER (IRE) (31) (D) A Carson 8 11 6	Mr G Carson (5) 5
5	048207	ALMAAS (USA) (674) S Bin Suroor 5 11 4	Mr A R Ferguson (5) 9
6	300844	MASAI MOON (17) (C) B Millman 10 11 3	Mr R Timby (7) 8
7	043824	LIVING LEADER (8) Grace Harris 5 11 2	Mr Michael J Murphy (3) 10
8	313-40	CANDELITA (16) M Sheppard 7 10 11	Mr S Sheppard (7) 3
9	060-0	CITY OF ANGKOR WAT (IRE) (35) J Hughes 4 10 8	Mr James Hughes (5) 7
10	0-4100	FIRE KING (116) (CD) P Burgoyne 8 10 3	P Thomas (7) 2

BETTING: 3-1 Galatian, 9-2 Imperial Glance, 5-1 Hail Promenader, 6-1 Almaas, 7-1 Living Leader, 10-1 Masai Moon, 12-1 Lionheart, City Of Angkor Wat, 16-1 others.

6.15 DORSET SUBARU CLASSIFIED CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,250 added 3 to 4YO 7f Penalty Value £2,749.

1	0-3141	SPIRAEA (22) (C) M Rimell 4 9 8	M Monaghan (5) 3
2	060330	FREDDY WITH A Y (IRE) (19) (C) G L Moore 4 9 4	G Baker 4

6.45 PARTY CONTINUES AT THE CHAPEL NIGHTCLUB HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1	634421	DARK LANE (12) (D) P Evans 8 10 0	J F Egan 8
2	100204	ONLY TEN PER CENT (IRE) (7) (D) J R Jenkins 6 9 12	J Crowley 9
3	432-34	JOYOUS (12) D Ivory 4 9 12	R Hughes 5
4	531230	PICANSORT (28) (D) P Crate 7 9 11	S W Kelly 2
5	443510	PICC OF BURGAL (24) (D)(BF) G Deacon 4 9 11	G Baker 3
6	5244	LEAD A MERRY DANCE (10) S Kirk 3 9 8	J Baudains (5) 4
7	010-00	MY METEOR (16) (D) A Newcombe 7 9 6	D J Bates (3) 1
8	604	SILKEN POPPY (28) P Chamings 3 9 4	Thomas Brown (5) 6
9	0-5000	PARADISE CHILD (31) W G M Turner 3 8 5	P Pilley (7) 7

BETTING: 7-2 Dark Lane, 4-1 Joyous, 5-1 Picansort, 6-1 Picc of Burgal, Only Ten Per Cent, 7-1 Lead A Merry Dance, 10-1 Silken Poppy, 14-1 My Meteor, 33-1 Paradise Child.

7.15 BATHWICK TYRES BRITISH STELLION STUDS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4). £6,500 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £4,205.

1	6	CRAFTY CHOICE (12) R Hannon 9 5	R Hughes 2
2	523	HARLEQUIN STRIKER (IRE) (14) M Channon 9 5	James Doyle 7
3	0	ILLUSIVE FORCE (IRE) C Hills 9 5	G Baker 1
4	0	LYSANDER THE GREEK (15) R Beckett 9 5	J Crowley 8
5	0	MUZARKASH (98) B W Hills 9 5	P Hanagan 5
6	50	MYWAYALWAYS (IRE) (7) P Evans 9 5	J F Egan 3
7	0	PLYMOUTH SOUND Eve J-Houghton 9 5	J Fahy 6
8	0	LADY VELLIN Paul Morgan 9 0	A Beschizza 10
9	0	MORE DRAMA (IRE) S Kirk 9 0	S W Kelly 9
10	0	RED RENEE (31) M Giffard 9 0	D J Bates (3) 4

BETTING: 5-4 Harlequin Striker, 4-1 Crafty Choice, 5-1 Illusive Force, 8-1 Lysander The Greek, 12-1 Muzarkash, 14-1 Plymouth Sound, 20-1 More Drama, Lady Vellin, 33-1 others.

7.50 BATHWICK TYRES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £3,234.

1	303034	MON CIGAR (IRE) D Coakley 3 9 5	P Cosgrave 5
2	32-0	MUNFALLET (IRE) (2) D Brown 3 9 5	M Monaghan (5) 3
3	62-204	NATHR (USA) (22) (BF) C Hills 3 9 5	P Hanagan 2
4	60	SUITSUS (28) P Makin 3 9 5	J Crowley 9
5	60	TAP YOUR TOES (IRE) (22) L Cumani 3 9 5	S W Kelly 10
6	23	INIS AIRC (IRE) (28) (BF) S Kirk 3 9 0	R Hughes 6
7	6	OUT OF ORBIT M Giffard 3 9 0	D J Bates (3) 1
8	60	QUEEN CEE (255) S Hodgson 3 9 0	Thomas Brown (3) 8
9	60	SIMMA (IRE) (19) S Kirk 3 9 0	J Baudains (5) 4
10	5	UNBRIDLED JOY (IRE) (28) C Cox 3 9 0	James Doyle 7

BETTING: 2-1 Munfallet, 9-4 Nathr, 4-1 Inis Airc, 10-1 Unbridled Joy, 12-1 Suitsus, 16-1 Tap Your Toes, 20-1 Mon Cigar, Simma, 50-1 others.

This evening's runners

8.20 GINGER GROUSE BY FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £4,500 added 3YO PLUS 1m 6f Penalty Value £2,911.

1	63100-	POLSTAR (FR) (J20) H Whittington 5 10 0	P N O'Brien (7) 5
2	245-04	BENBECULA (41) N Mitchell 5 9 13	M Ennis (7) 7
3	00-000	SIGNIFICANT MOVE (24) W Kiltow 7 9 8	P Cosgrave 8
4	000-4	AIR SQUADRON (28) (BF) R Beckett 4 9 1	J Crowley 2
5	5004	DOUBLE DEALITES (17) J Poulton 4 9 0	Thomas Brown (3) 6
6	101105	NEWTOWN CROSS (IRE) (59) (BF) J Fox 4 8 13	R Hughes 4
7	0-5000	ASSEMBLY (8) M Rimell 4 8 10	M Monaghan (5) 3
8	0-4600	LAST ECHO (IRE) (28) R Beckett 3 8 0	Jane Elliott (7) 1

BETTING: 15-8 Air Squadron, 9-2 Newtown Cross, 5-1 Significant Move, 6-1 Polstar, 8-1 Benbecula, 10-1 Double Dealites, 12-1 Assembly, 20-1 Last Echo.

8.50 BATHWICK TYRES HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 3YO only 7f Penalty Value £6,469.

1	1-1	ALZANTI (USA) (23) (D) Mrs A Perrett 9 7	James Doyle 1
2	04-680	ART OFFICIAL (IRE) (59) (D) R Hannon 9 5	R Hughes 4
3	-30030	ACT OF CHARITY (IRE) (10) Miss G Kelleway 9 5	S W Kelly 2
4	-50330	CAPTAIN MIDNIGHT (IRE) (19) D Brown 9 4	J Crowley 5
5	3-1155	DESPOT (IRE) (14) (D) C Hills 9 2	G Baker 7
6	1-4460	FIFTYSHADESOFGREY (IRE) (33) G Baker 9 0	P Cosgrave 6
7	151602	SOLO HUNTER (14) P Evans 8 11	J F Egan 3

BETTING: 15-8 Alzanti, 4-1 Art Official, 9-2 Solo Hunter, 5-1 Despot, 8-1 Captain Midnight, 12-1 Act Of Charity, 14-1 Fiftyshadesofgrey.

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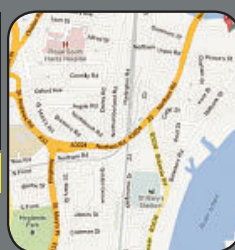
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Hampshire fixtures 2014

April

6 Worcestershire (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

13 Gloucestershire (CC) Bristol
Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheeler 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

20 Derbyshire (CC) Derby
Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gattling 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

27 Surrey (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

May

5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

11 Glamorgan (CC) Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 234 (S Ervine 3-36, M Coles 3-39, K Abbott 3-66) & 187 (J Tomlinson 3-40, K Abbott 3-43) lost to Hampshire 345 (M Carberry 66, L Dawson 64, J Vince 61) & 68-4 by 6 wickets.

16 Glamorgan (t20) Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 161-7 (Briggs 3-23) beat Hampshire 151-6 by 10 runs.

18 Leicestershire (CC) Leicester
Hampshire 332-10 (Vince 70, Wheeler 57, Adams 40, Ervine 40, Abbott 40) & 338-9 dec (Smith 46, Gattling 44, Vince 56, Wheeler 46, Coles 83) beat Leicestershire 296-10 (Abbott 4-55, Tomlinson 4-49) & 96-10 (Briggs 4-13, Coles 3-24) by 278 runs.

23 Sussex (t20) Hove
Hampshire 177-5 (Vince 52) beat Sussex 159-5 by 18 runs.

25 Middlesex (t20) Northwood
Hampshire 198-2 (Vince 68, Shah 49) beat Middlesex 151-9 (Briggs 3-20) by 47 runs.

30 Essex (t20) Ageas Bowl
Essex 145-5 lost to Hampshire 146-2 (J Vince 57no, O Shah 50no) by eight wickets.

June

1 Derbyshire (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 388 (A Wheeler 87, W Smith 82, J Adams 60, M Bates 50) & 214-5 dec (J Adams 67) drew with Derbyshire 257 (D Briggs 5-50, K Abbott 3-48) & 107-8 (J Tomlinson 3-16).

5 Kent (t20) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 171-7 (M Carberry 73, J Adams 47) bt Kent 144-4 (D Briggs 3-28) by 27 runs.

8 Worcestershire (CC) New Road
Worcestershire 402-9 dec (D Balcombe 3-53) drew with Hampshire 219 (W Smith 67, J Vince 48) and 321-5 (M Carberry 125, G Maxwell 85).

13 Somerset (t20) Taunton
Somerset 176-4 bt Hampshire 175-7 (M Carberry 38) by one run.

15 Essex (CC) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 286 & 440-3 dec (J Vince 240, W Smith 151no) bt Essex 121 (K Abbott 5-44, J Tomlinson 3-25) & 135 (K Abbott 3-23) by 470 runs.

20 Gloucs (t20) Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 180-6 (J Adams 69no, J Vince 39) beat Gloucestershire 178-8 (W Smith 3-26) by two runs.

25 Glamorgan (t20) Cardiff
Hampshire 170-6 (M Carberry 59, J Adams 52) bt Glamorgan 164-6 by 6 runs.

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England v India, 3rd Test, Ageas Bowl, July 27-31

Cricketers who lost their lives in



HAMPSHIRE Cricket and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will commemorate those cricketers who lost their lives in World War One during the third Test between England and India at The Ageas Bowl.

The commemorations will include a minute's silence prior to the start of the third day's play and descendants of the former Kent and England cricketer Colin Blythe will also be in

attendance next Tuesday as special guests of ECB and Hampshire Cricket.

Blythe, who died at Passchendaele in 1917, was one of four England cricketers to die during the war and the England team laid a specially crafted stone cricket ball at his grave on a visit to the Oxford Road cemetery near Ypres in 2009.

Yorkshire's Major William Booth, Middlesex's Leonard Moon and Kent's Kenneth Hutchings were the other England cricketers to die during the war which saw 289 First Class cricketers

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CRICKET REPORTER

YOU always know there is a big match coming up at The Ageas Bowl when there are more people preparing for it than there are spectators for a typical day's play in the LV County Championship.

The ground's biggest fixture since Hampshire moved there in 2001 is now only 24 hours away.

Suffice to say, The Ageas Bowl has been a hive of activity over the last two days.

No-one has been busier than head groundsman Nigel Gray and his staff.

Gray spent long periods of yesterday afternoon on his square in conversation with Chris Wood, the ECB Pitches Consultant, while preparations continued apace.

It brought back memories of India's last visit for a first-class match, against Hampshire 12 years



ago, when Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar and John Crawley all refused to bat on a terror track during a difficult period for the club when the ground's new square was still settling down.

Work in progress

Hampshire's ground has come a long way since then, but the sight of builders plugging away on the hotel was a reminder that this is still very much a work in progress.

The Hilton Hotel is due to be completed next year but the media centre was opened for the first time on Friday to accommodate reporters previewing the match.

Its readiness was the one proviso laid down by the ECB when The Ageas Bowl was allocated this Test match.

While the rest of the hotel is still a



ZEBRA CROSSING:

Replicas of the stripey animal started appearing at The Ageas Bowl yesterday.

building site, the media centre is a magnificent vantage point.

Having had to cover the Sri Lanka Test and subsequent one-day internationals from the Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie stand, effec-

tively from the same angle as third man, the likes of Mike Atherton, Derek Pringle, Mike Selvey and George Dobell can now report on the action from behind the bowler's arm while play takes

place against the backdrop of the Ageas Bowl's iconic pavilion.

The correspondents in attendance yesterday agreed that the view is as good as any in the country (an invitation from Hampshire

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England v India, 3rd Test, Ageas Bowl, July 27-31

World War One remembered

lose their lives overall and 407 players subsequently decorated for gallantry.

Further commemorative tributes will include the England team wearing the *Help for Heroes* logo on their shirt collars and the ringing of a bell to mark the start of the third day's play by a current member of the Armed Forces.

"We will be asking everyone attending

day three of the Test Match to show their respects to the fallen and we trust that this will form a suitable and fitting commemoration to all those soldiers and civilians who died."

Hampshire Chief Executive David Mann added: "Hampshire has always had very strong links with our Armed Forces and we are extremely proud and

humbled to have the opportunity to mark this occasion and remember the sacrifice of millions of soldiers not just from our county, but from across the country and indeed around the world."

STRONG ARMED FORCES LINKS: David Mann.



almost here



A DIFFERENT BALL GAME: James Anderson in training at The Ageas Bowl yesterday.



12th man: Michael Porter



debacle at Lord's, when India won their first overseas Test for three years.

They were given net practice by several local 'net' bowlers yesterday, as England coach Peter Moores looked on. What an experience for the likes of Lymington duo Ed Freeman and Simon Beetham, Bashley's Jake Lilley and Nicky Elliott and Ryan Beck of New Milton.

Fareham & Crofton's Campbell Saul was another. Having enjoyed dismissing Mohammed Shami thrice on Thursday (all caught and bowled) - "he might bat at ten but he's got a first-class fifty!" - the 18 year-old off-spinner bowled against England openers Alastair Cook and Sam Robson yesterday.

"I bowled Cook back into form!" he said.

More clubs will be involved during the first three days of the Test, with junior players from clubs such as Hedge End, Trojans, Michelmersh & Timsbury and Old Netley playing Kwik cricket during the lunch intervals.

Reminder

Michael Carberry was at The Ageas Bowl in his Hampshire tracksuit on Thursday as he and his teammates prepared for their opening Royal London One-Day Cup fixture, at Derby today.

It was a reminder of how unfortunate Carberry is not to still be opening for England, but at least Hampshire will be represented.

Bashley's Michael Porter, a former Academy batsman, will be England's 12th man over the next five days.

It will be a week to remember for him, especially if he gets the chance to emulate Adam Rouse, who took a catch to dismiss Kumar Sangakkara three years ago.

There are a couple of other familiar faces to fans of Hampshire Cricket involved in this Test.

Director of cricket Giles White took the chance to catch up with India coach Duncan Fletcher, who worked for the county on a consultancy basis four years ago.

And England's former Hampshire physio Craig DeWeymarn, the former Bournemouth CC captain, will be back in the home dressing room.

Hampshire fixtures 2014

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27 Surrey (t20)Oval
Hampshire 131-9 lost to Surrey 137-2 by eight wickets.

28 Surrey (CC)Oval
Surrey 474-8 and 13-0 drew with Hampshire 354 all out (Smith 82, Ervine 80, Adams 79)

July

4 Kent (t20)Canterbury
Hampshire 173-9 beat Kent 126 all out (Wood 4-24) by 47 runs.

6 Somerset (t20)Ageas Bowl
Somerset 155-4 beat Hampshire 116 all out by 39 runs.

7 Gloucs (CC)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 297 (Balcombe 65*) and 213-6 (Vince 63) drew with Gloucestershire 504-8 dec.

11 Middlesex (t20)Ageas Bowl
Middlesex 173-6 bt Hampshire 123 by 50 runs.

13 Essex (CC)Colchester
Hampshire 246 (A Wheeler 107, N Rimington 65no) & 171 (M Carberry 56) lost to Essex 285 & 136-8 (L Dawson 4-58, D Briggs 4-61) by two wickets.



MICHAEL CARBERRY: Two half centuries in his last two t20 Blast innings.

18 Sussex (t20)Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 177-3 (M Carberry 87no, J Adams 52, S Ervine 32no) bt Sussex 171-8 (D Briggs 4-28) by six runs.

22 Essex (t20)Chelmsford
Essex 167-9 (W Smith 3-17) lost to Hampshire 168-5 (M Carberry 57, M Coles 54) by five wickets.

26 Derbyshire (RLC)Derby

27 Lancashire (RLC)Old Trafford

31 Gloucs (RLC)Bristol

August

6 Leicestershire (RLC)Ageas Bowl

8 Northants (RLC)Ageas Bowl

11 Worcs (RLC)Ageas Bowl

13 Essex (RLC)Chelmsford

14 Sri Lanka A (Tour)Ageas Bowl

15 Kent (CC)Canterbury

21 Yorkshire (RLC)Ageas Bowl

31 Leicestershire (CC)Ageas Bowl

September

15 Kent (CC)Ageas Bowl

23 Glamorgan (CC)Cardiff

Key: CC = county championship, t20 = NatWest t20 Blast, RLC = Royal London Cup (50 overs).

Cricket to dine at Kutu's on Monday evening was a further boon).

Initially, the hotel was scheduled to be complete in time for this Test. Nevertheless, the next five days should be another great success,

despite disappointing ticket sales.

Unlike the inaugural Test against Sri Lanka three years ago, it looks like being blessed with wonderful weather.

This is an even bigger game but

Gray is confident the pitch will be as good as it was in 2011.

Hopefully England will respond with a series-levelling win. It will certainly be an examination of their character following their

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Great England home Test wins against India

England v India
Headingley, 1st Test, June 1967

England first innings

JH Edrich c Engineer b Surti 1
G Boycott not out 246
KF Barrington run out 39
TW Graveney c sub b Chandrasekhar 59
BL D'Oliveira c sub b Chandrasekhar 109
*DB Close not out 22
Extras 20
Total (4 wickets, declared, 183 overs) 550
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-146, 3-253, 4-505
Bowling: Guha 43-10-105-0, Surti 1-2-25-1,
Chandrasekhar 45-9-121-2, Bedi 15-8-32-0,
Prasanna 59-8-167-0, Pataudi 4-1-13-0, Wadekar 1-
0-9-0, Hanumant Singh 3-0-27-0, Saxena 2-0-11-0

India first innings

+FM Engineer c and b Illingworth 42
RC Saxena b D'Oliveira 9
AL Wadekar run out 0
CG Borde b Snow 8
Hanumant Singh c D'Oliveira b Illingworth 9
*Nawab of Pataudi c Barrington b Hobbs 64
EAS Prasanna c Murray b Illingworth 0
S Guha b Snow 4
RF Surti c and b Hobbs 22
BS Bedi lbw b Hobbs 0
BS Chandrasekhar not out 0
Extras 6
Total 164
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-40, 3-59, 4-59, 5-81, 6-81, 7-
92, 8-151, 9-151, 10-164
Bowling: Snow 17-7-34-2, Higgs 14-8-19-
0, D'Oliveira 9-4-29-1, Hobbs 22-2-9-45, Illingworth
22-11-31-3, Close 3-3-0-0

India second innings (following on)

+FM Engineer c and b Close 87
RF Surti c Murray b Snow 5
AL Wadekar c Close b Illingworth 91
CG Borde b Illingworth 33
Hanumant Singh c D'Oliveira b Illingworth 73
*Nawab of Pataudi b Illingworth 148
RC Saxena b Snow 16
EAS Prasanna lbw b Close 19
S Guha b Higgs 1
BS Bedi c Snow b Hobbs 14
BS Chandrasekhar not out 0
Extras 23
Total 510
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-173, 3-217, 4-228, 5-362, 6-
388, 7-448, 8-469, 9-506, 10-510
Bowling: Snow 41-11-108-2, Higgs 24-3-71-1,
D'Oliveira 11-5-22-0, Illingworth 58-26-100-4, Hobbs
45-2-13-100, Barrington 9-1-38-0, Close 21-5-48-2

England second innings

JH Edrich c Wadekar b Chandrasekhar 22
KF Barrington c Engineer b Chandrasekhar 46
TW Graveney b Chandrasekhar 14
BL D'Oliveira not out 24
+JT Murray c sub (V Subramanya) b Prasanna 4
R Illingworth not out 12
Extras 4
Total 126
Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-78, 3-87, 4-92
Bowling: Guha 5-0-10-0, Wadekar 2-0-8-0, Prasanna
21-3-5-54-1, Chandrasekhar 19-8-50-3
England won by 6 wickets

England v India
Edgbaston, 1st Test, July 1979

England first innings

+JM Brearley c Reddy b Kapil Dev 24
G Boycott lbw b Kapil Dev 155
DJW Randall c Reddy b Kapil Dev 15
GA Gooch c Reddy b Kapil Dev 83
DI Gower not out 200
IT Botham b Kapil Dev 33
G Miller not out 63
Extras (4 b, 27 lb, 18 nb, 11 w) 60
Total (5 wickets) 633
Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-90, 3-235, 4-426, 5-468
Bowling: Kapil Dev 48-15-146-5, Ghavri 38-5-129-0,
Amarnath 13-2-2-47, Chandrasekhar 21-11-3-0,
Venkataraghavan 31-4-10-7, Gaekwad 3-0-12-0,
Chauhan 3-0-19-0

India first innings

SM Gavaskar run out 61
CPS Chauhan c Gooch b Botham 4
DB Vengsarkar c Gooch b Edmonds 22
GR Viswanath c Botham b Edmonds 78
AD Gaekwad c Botham b Willis 25
M Amarnath b Willis 31
Kapil Dev lbw b Botham 1
KD Ghavri c Brearley b Willis 6
+B Reddy b Hendrick 21
*S Venkataraghavan c Botham b Hendrick 28
BS Chandrasekhar 0
Extras (1 b, 4 lb, 12 nb, 3 w) 20
Total 297
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-59, 3-129, 4-205, 5-209, 6-
210, 7-229, 8-251, 9-294, 10-297
Bowling: Willis 24-9-69-3, Botham 26-4-86-2,
Hendrick 24-1-9-36-2, Edmonds 26-11-60-2, Boycott
5-1-8-0, Miller 11-3-18

India second innings (following on)

SM Gavaskar c Gooch b Hendrick 68
CPS Chauhan c Randall b Willis 56
DB Vengsarkar c Edmonds b Hendrick 51
GR Viswanath c Taylor b Botham 15
AD Gaekwad c Gooch b Botham 15
M Amarnath lbw b Botham 10
Kapil Dev c Hendrick b Botham 21
KD Ghavri c Randall b Hendrick 4
+B Reddy lbw b Hendrick 0
*S Venkataraghavan lbw b Botham 0
BS Chandrasekhar not out 0
Extras (7 b, 12 lb, 2 nb) 21
Total (all out, 95.4 overs) 253
Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-136, 3-136, 4-182, 5-227,
6-240, 7-249, 8-250, 9-251, 10-253
Bowling: Willis 14-3-45-1, Botham 29-8-70-5,
Hendrick 20-4-8-45-4, Edmonds 17-6-37-0, Miller 9-
1-27-0, Gooch 6-3-8-0
England won by an innings and 83 runs

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

ENGLAND HOLDS

ENGLAND and India meet for the 53rd time in a Test match at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl tomorrow.

Of the previous 53 Test matches in England, India have won just five!

Here, the *Sports Pink* features five of the most memorable England victories.

● Geoff Boycott scored a Test best double century when England defeated India on his home Headingley ground in June 1967.

The opener compiled an undefeated 246 off 555 balls in 573 minutes, hitting 30 fours and a six, as England rattled up 550-4 declared.

Ken Barrington helped Boycott put on 99 for the second wicket before he was out for 93 with the score on 146.

After Tom Graveney made 59, Basil D'Oliveira (109) helped Boycott put on 252 for the fourth wicket.

Boycott's previous Test best had been 117 and his best ever first class score was 193.

In reply, India slipped embarrassingly to 92-7 before eventually reaching 164.

Asked to follow on, the tourists found their batting form to make 510.

Captain Nawab of Patuadi led by example, hitting 148 before he was bowled by Ray Illingworth.

Illingworth returned second innings figures of 58-26-100-4.

That left England needing 126 for victory, which they achieved for the loss of four wickets.

England won all three Tests of that summer's series.

● FORMER Hampshire star David Gower was just 20 years old when he scored a double century in England's innings victory over India at Edgbaston in July 1979.

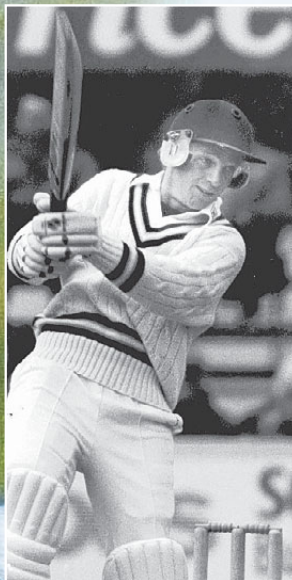
The left-hander struck 24 fours in his 279-ball 200 not out as England romped to 633-5 declared in their first innings.

Geoff Boycott scored 155 off 341 runs, helping his far younger companion to put on 191 for the fourth wicket before Boycott was leg before to Kapil Dev.

Gower went on to record the first double century of his first class career, his previous best being 144.

Dev was the only Indian bowler to take any wickets in the game.

India failed to put up much of a fight in return, being bowled out for



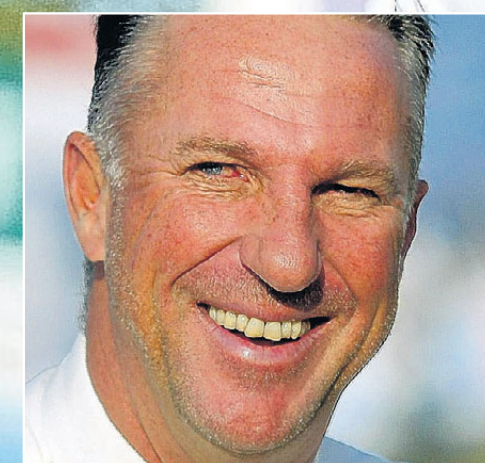
DAVID GOWER



GRAHAM GOOCH



ROBIN SMITH



IAN BOTHAM

297 in their first innings and asked to follow on over 300 runs adrift.

Ian Botham and Mike Hendrick shared nine wickets in the second innings as the tourists managed 253 to lose by an innings and 83 runs.

Gower's double ton set up the only positive result in the four-Test series.

● Captain Bob Willis impressed with bat and ball as England defeated India by seven wickets at Lord's in June 1982.

First off, England recovered from 37-3 to post 433 all out.

Derek Randall, batting at No 6, struck 126 before Phil Edmonds hit 64 at No 8.

There was an entertaining last wicket stand of 70 between Paul Allott (41no) and No 11 Willis, who faced 54 balls en route to his high-est ever Test score of 28.

In reply, Ian Botham (5-46) and Willis (3-41) blew India away for 128, with only captain Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev reaching double figures.

Following on, Dilip Vengsarkar struck 157 before No 8 Dev blasted 89 off 55 balls with 13 fours and three sixes.

India managed 369 second time around, with England making the 67 they needed for victory for the loss of three wickets.

England won the three-Test series 1-0.

● Graham Gooch produced a record breaking performance as England defeated India by 247 runs at Lord's in July 1990.

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UPPER HAND

India's struggles to break home rule

ALASTAIR COOK:
Career best of 294 at Edgbaston.

The England skipper struck a magnificent 333, at the time the sixth highest individual Test innings.

It remains the third highest innings by an Englishman in Test cricket.

It was the only triple century of Gooch's career, beating his previous Test best of 196 and his previous first class best of 275.

With Allan Lamb (139) and Hampshire legend Robin Smith (100 not out) piling on the agony for India, Gooch eventually declared

after he was fourth out with England's score on 653.

Gooch, 194 not out at the end of the first day's play, had faced 485 balls in a marathon innings lasting 628 minutes, hitting 43 fours and three sixes.

Mohammed Azruddhin (121) and Ravi Shastri (100) starred for India in reply, but they needed a remarkable innings from all rounder Kapil Dev lower down the order to see them pass the follow on target.

Coming in at No 8, Dev blazed 77

off 54 balls, hitting spinner Eddie Hemmings for four successive sixes to ensure England had to bat for a second time.

Gooch became the first batsman in Test history to score a triple century and a century in the same match when he struck 123 second time around.

This time his innings occupied just 113 balls and contained 13 fours and four sixes.

When Smith was out for just 15, Gooch declared on 272-4.

Set almost 500 to win, opening

bowlers Angus Fraser and Devon Malcolm shared five wickets as India were bowled out for 224 in their second innings.

This was England's sole win in their triumphant three-Test series.

• Current England skipper Alistair Cook will fondly remember the Test success against India at Edgbaston in August 2011.

Cook struck 294 in a huge 772-minute stay at the crease, establishing a new career best score (his previous best was 235).

Facing 545 balls, he struck 33 fours as England piled up 710-7 declared.

It remains England's third highest Test total of all time, and the 17th highest in Test history.

Captain Andrew Strauss (87) had helped Cook put on 186 for the first wicket before Eion Morgan (104) helped put on 222 for the fourth wicket.

Tim Bresnan (53no) put on 97 for the seventh wicket before Cook was finally out six short of a triple century.

India had only managed 224 in their first innings with Stuart Broad and Bresnan sharing eight wickets.

Jimmy Anderson weighed in with four as India were dismissed or 244 in their second innings to lose by an innings and 242 runs.

England dominated the entire series, winning all four Tests.

England's home Test record v India

1932 England	.....1-0 (1)
1936 England	.....2-0 (3)
1946 England	.....1-0 (3)
1952: England	.....3-0 (4)
1959: England	.....5-0 (5)
1967: England	.....3-0 (3)
1971: India	.....1-0 (3)
1974: England	.....3-0 (3)
1979: England	.....1-0 (4)
1982: England	.....1-0 (3)
1986: India	.....2-0 (3)
1990: England	.....1-0 (3)
1996: England	.....1-0 (3)
2002: drawn	.....1-1 (4)
2007: India	.....1-0 (3)
2011: England	.....4-0 (4)

Great England home Test wins against India

England v India, 1st Test, Lord's, June 1982

England first innings	
G Cook lbw b Kapil Dev	.....4
CJ Tavaré c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	.....4
AJ Lamb lbw b Kapil Dev	.....9
DI Gower c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	.....37
IT Botham c Malhotra b Madan Lal	.....67
DW Randall c Parker b Kapil Dev	.....126
DR Pringle c Gavaskar b Doshi	.....7
PH Edmonds c Kimani b Madan Lal	.....64
+RW Taylor c Viswanath b Doshi	.....31
PJW Allott not out	.....41
*RGD Willis b Madan Lal	.....28
Extras	.....15
Total	.....433
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-18, 3-37, 4-96, 5-149, 6-166, 7-291, 8-363, 9-363, 10-433	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 43-8-125 5, Madan Lal 28.1-6-99-3, Shastri 34-10-73-0, Doshi 40-7-120-2, Yashpal Sharma 3-2-1-0	

India first innings	
*SM Gavaskar b Botham	.....48
GA Parker lbw b Botham	.....6
DB Vengsarkar lbw b Willis	.....2
GR Viswanath b Botham	.....1
Yashpal Sharma lbw b Pringle	.....4
AO Malhotra lbw b Pringle	.....5
Kapil Dev c Cook b Willis	.....41
RJ Shastri c Cook b Willis	.....4
+SMH Kimani not out	.....6
Madan Lal c Tavaré b Botham	.....6
DR Doshi c Taylor b Botham	.....0
Extras	.....5
Total	.....128
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-21, 3-22, 4-31, 5-45, 6-112, 7-116, 8-116, 9-128, 10-128	
Bowling: Botham 19.4-3-46-5, Willis 16-2-41-3, Pringle 9-4-16-2, Edmonds 2-1-5-0, Allott 4-1-15-0	

India second innings (following on)	
*SM Gavaskar c Cook b Willis	.....24
GA Parker b Willis	.....1
DB Vengsarkar c Allott b Willis	.....157
RJ Shastri b Allott	.....23
GR Viswanath c Taylor b Pringle	.....3
Yashpal Sharma b Willis	.....37
AO Malhotra c Taylor b Willis	.....0
Kapil Dev c Cook b Botham	.....89
+SMH Kimani c Gower b Willis	.....3
Madan Lal lbw b Pringle	.....15
DR Doshi not out	.....4
Extras	.....13
Total	.....369
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-47, 3-107, 4-110, 5-252, 6-252, 7-254, 8-275, 9-341, 10-369	
Bowling: Botham 31-5-7-103-1, Willis 28-3-101-6, Pringle 19-4-58-2, Allott 17-3-51-1, Edmonds 15-6-39-0, Cook 1-0-4-0	

England second innings	
G Cook lbw b Kapil Dev	.....10
CJ Tavaré b Kapil Dev	.....3
+RW Taylor c Malhotra b Kapil Dev	.....1
AJ Lamb not out	.....37
DI Gower not out	.....14
Extras	.....2
Total (3 wickets)	.....67
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-13, 3-18	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 10-1-43-3, Madan Lal 2-1-2-0, Doshi 5-3-11-0, Shastri 2-0-9-0	
England won by 7 wickets	

England v India
Lord's, 1st Test, 1990

England first innings	
*GA Gooch b Prabhakar	.....333
MA Atherton b Kapil Dev	.....8
DI Gower c Manjrekar b Hirwani	.....40
AJ Lamb c Manjrekar b Sharma	.....139
RA Smith not out	.....100
JE Morris not out	.....4
Extras	.....29
Total	.....653
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-141, 3-449, 4-641	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 34-5-120-1, Prabhakar 43-6-187-1, Sharma 33-5-122-1, Shastri 22-0-99-0, Hirwani 30-1-102-1	

India first innings	
RJ Shastri c Gooch b Hemmings	.....100
NS Sidhu c Morris b Fraser	.....30
SV Manjrekar c Russell b Gooch	.....18
DB Vengsarkar c Russell b Fraser	.....52
*M Azharuddin b Hemmings	.....121
SR Tendulkar b Lewis	.....10
M Prabhakar c Lewis b Malcolm	.....25
Kapil Dev not out	.....77
+KS More c Morris b Fraser	.....8
SK Sharma c Russell b Fraser	.....0
ND Hirwani lbw b Fraser	.....0
Extras	.....3
Total (all out, 473 minutes, 114.1 overs)	.....454
Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-102, 3-191, 4-241, 5-288, 6-348, 7-393, 8-430, 9-430, 10-454	
Bowling: Malcolm 25-1-106-1, Fraser 39.1-9-104-5, Lewis 24-3-108-1, Gooch 6-3-26-1, Hemmings 20-3-109-2	

England second innings	
*GA Gooch c Azharuddin b Sharma	.....123
MA Atherton c Vengsarkar b Sharma	.....72
DI Gower not out	.....32
AJ Lamb c Tendulkar b Hirwani	.....19
RA Smith b Prabhakar	.....15
Extras	.....11
Total (4 wickets declared)	.....272
Fall of wickets: 1-204, 2-207, 3-250, 4-272	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 10-0-53-0, Prabhakar 11.2-2-45-1, Shastri 7-0-38-0, Sharma 15-0-75-2, Hirwani 11-0-50-1	

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Did You Know?

HOW THE TEST GROUNDS COMPARE

Lord's

Capacity: 28,000
First Test: 1884
Tests: 128
ODIs: 57 (1972)
T20 internationals: 8 (2009)

The Oval

Capacity: 23,500
First Test: 1880
Tests: 96
ODIs: 57 (1973)
T20 internationals: 17 (2007)

Old Trafford

Capacity: 26,000
First Test: 1884
Tests: 75
ODIs: 42 (1972)
T20 internationals: 4 (2008)

Trent Bridge

Capacity: 17,500
First Test: 1899
Tests: 160
ODIs: 37 (1974)
T20 internationals: 11 (2009)



LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

Edgbaston

Capacity: 25,000
First Test: 1902
Tests: 47
ODIs: 35 (1973)
T20 internationals: 3 (2010)

Headingley

Capacity: 20,000
First Test: 1899
Tests: 173
ODIs: 35 (1973)
T20 internationals: 0

Chester-le-Street

Capacity: 17,000
First Test: 2003
Tests: 5
ODIs: 14 (1999)
T20 internationals: 2 (2008)

Ageas Bowl

Capacity: 16,000
First Test: 2011
Tests: 1
ODIs: 17 (2003)
T20 internationals: 3 (2005)

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



TEST VENUES: From left: Trent Bridge, Headingley, The Oval and Edgbaston.

MAIN PICTURE: The Ageas Bowl.

AGEAS BOWL IN



Simon Carter

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SPORTS EDITOR

THE stadium has hosted 17 one day internationals since 2003, and two more will take place in 2015.

It has also welcomed three one day t20 internationals.

Tomorrow, Hampshire's Ageas Bowl stages its second Test when England and India step out to contest the third Test of an intriguing series.

The West End venue has therefore certainly become a regular on the international scene since it was built in time for the start of the 2001 English county season.

In recent years, the venue has seen various ground improvements, including the continuing

construction of the controversial hotel which has been partly funded by Eastleigh Borough Council. Only one thing is missing.

An Ashes Test match. The pinnacle of any English cricketing summer, Hampshire have previously put in bids to host Australia.

They were one of eight counties bidding for ten Ashes Tests in 2013 and 2015. On the basis that Lord's and The Oval were guaranteed four of them, that left the other six counties

ties bidding for six Tests.

As Trent Bridge was also awarded a Test in both 2013 and 2015, that meant one county would be left disappointed.

That county was Hampshire. Chairman Rod Bransgrove declared himself "gutted" at the news that the Ageas Bowl had been snubbed.

"I am deeply shocked and I need time to digest it," Bransgrove said when the decision was made public in September 2011.

"We came top of the balanced scorecard last time and the only

marketing work that has been done since has been a fans' survey and we came top of that as well.

"We're at a critical time in developing the Rose Bowl. We're fundraising to build a hotel.

"We'll have to revisit all that, dust ourselves down and start thinking about 2017.

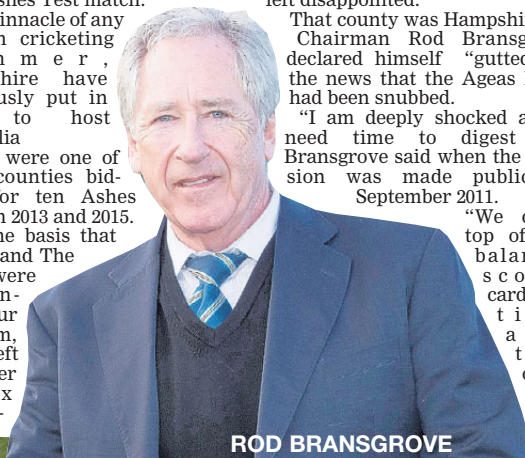
"In the meantime we can make sure that everybody knows we are the best and most efficient ground in the country."

That wasn't the first time Hampshire had been snubbed with regards to an Ashes Test.

They had first bid for one in 2009, with Bransgrove stunned that the ECB decided to award one to Glamorgan's Swalec Stadium in Cardiff instead.

Bransgrove believed that decision was politically influenced, saying "The 'W' in ECB is silent but powerful".

That was a reference to the fact

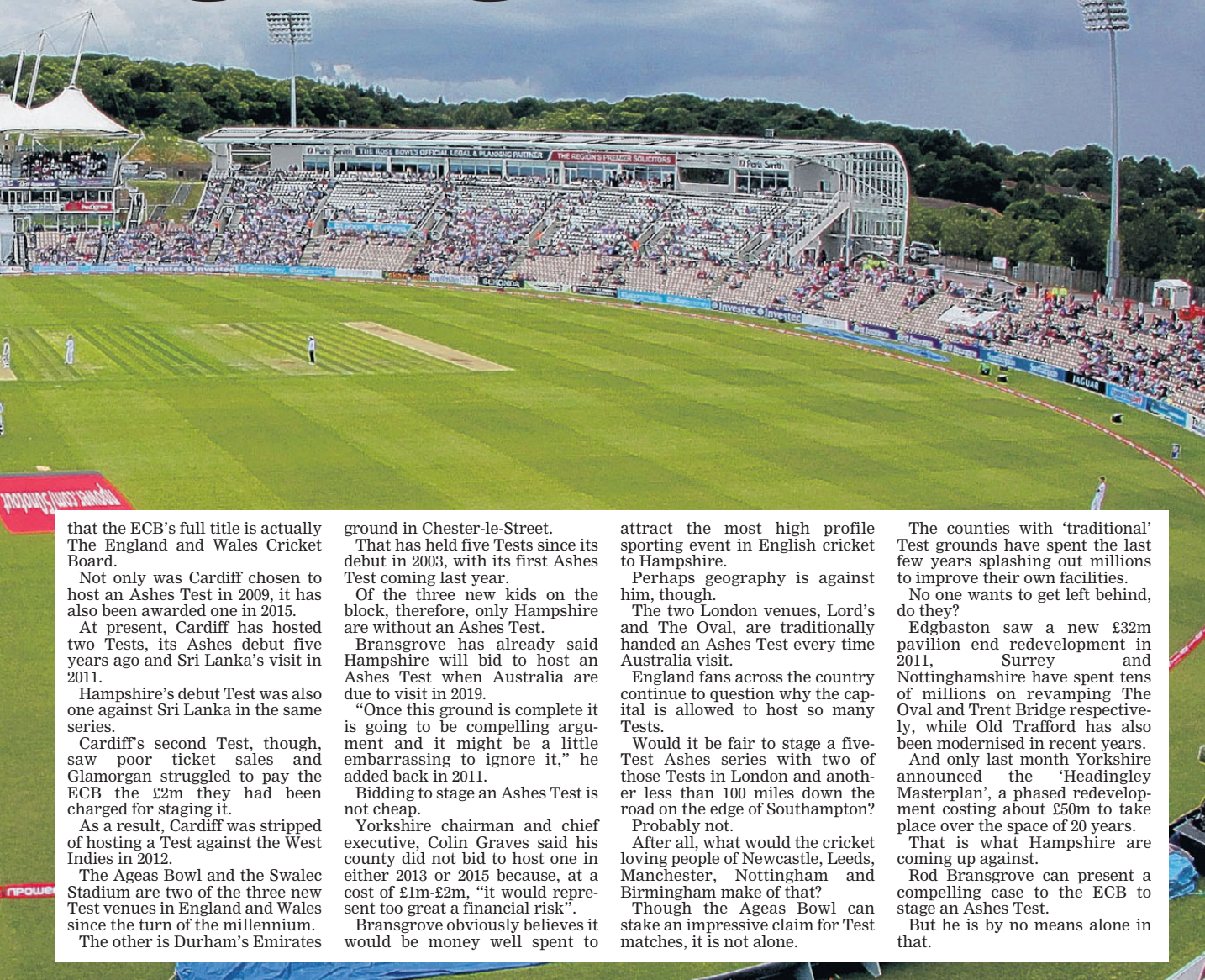


ROD BRANSGROVE

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



ASHES BATTLE



that the ECB's full title is actually The England and Wales Cricket Board.

Not only was Cardiff chosen to host an Ashes Test in 2009, it has also been awarded one in 2015.

At present, Cardiff has hosted two Tests, its Ashes debut five years ago and Sri Lanka's visit in 2011.

Hampshire's debut Test was also one against Sri Lanka in the same series.

Cardiff's second Test, though, saw poor ticket sales and Glamorgan struggled to pay the ECB the £2m they had been charged for staging it.

As a result, Cardiff was stripped of hosting a Test against the West Indies in 2012.

The Ageas Bowl and the Swalec Stadium are two of the three new Test venues in England and Wales since the turn of the millennium.

The other is Durham's Emirates

ground in Chester-le-Street.

That has held five Tests since its debut in 2003, with its first Ashes Test coming last year.

Of the three new kids on the block, therefore, only Hampshire are without an Ashes Test.

Bransgrove has already said Hampshire will bid to host an Ashes Test when Australia are due to visit in 2019.

"Once this ground is complete it is going to be compelling argument and it might be a little embarrassing to ignore it," he added back in 2011.

Bidding to stage an Ashes Test is not cheap.

Yorkshire chairman and chief executive, Colin Graves said his county did not bid to host one in either 2013 or 2015 because, at a cost of £1m-£2m, "it would represent too great a financial risk".

Bransgrove obviously believes it would be money well spent to

attract the most high profile sporting event in English cricket to Hampshire.

Perhaps geography is against him, though.

The two London venues, Lord's and The Oval, are traditionally handed an Ashes Test every time Australia visit.

England fans across the country continue to question why the capital is allowed to host so many Tests.

Would it be fair to stage a five-Test Ashes series with two of those Tests in London and another less than 100 miles down the road on the edge of Southampton?

Probably not.

After all, what would the cricket loving people of Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham and Birmingham make of that?

Though the Ageas Bowl can stake an impressive claim for Test matches, it is not alone.

The counties with 'traditional' Test grounds have spent the last few years splashing out millions to improve their own facilities.

No one wants to get left behind, do they?

Edgbaston saw a new £32m pavilion end redevelopment in 2011.

Surrey and Nottinghamshire have spent tens of millions on revamping The Oval and Trent Bridge respectively, while Old Trafford has also been modernised in recent years.

And only last month Yorkshire announced the 'Headingley Masterplan', a phased redevelopment costing about £50m to take place over the space of 20 years.

That is what Hampshire are coming up against.

Rod Bransgrove can present a compelling case to the ECB to stage an Ashes Test.

But he is by no means alone in that.

Great England home Test wins against India

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India second innings

RJ Shastri c Russell b Malcolm	12
NS Sidhu c Morris b Fraser	1
SV Manjrekar c Russell b Malcolm	33
DB Vengsarkar c Russell b Hemmings	35
*M Azharuddin c Atherton b Lewis	27
SR Tendulkar c Gooch b Fraser	2
M Prabhakar lbw b Lewis	8
Kapil Dev c Lewis b Hemmings	7
*KS More lbw b Fraser	16
SK Sharma run out (Gooch)	38
ND Hirwani not out	0
Extras	0
Total (all out, 258 minutes, 62 overs)	224
Fall of wickets: 1-9 (Sidhu), 2-23 (Shastri), 3-63 (Manjrekar), 4-114 (Vengsarkar), 5-127 (Azharuddin), 6-140 (Prabhakar), 7-158 (Kapil Dev), 8-181 (Tendulkar), 9-206 (More), 10-224 (Sharma, 62 ov)	
Bowling: Fraser 22-7-39-3, Malcolm 10-0-65-2, Hemmings 21-2-79-2, Atherton 1-0-11-0, Lewis 8-1-26-2	
England won by 247 runs.	

England v India, Edgbaston, 3rd Test, August 2011

India first innings

G Gambhir b Bresnan	38
V Sehwag c Prior b Broad	0
RS Dravid b Bresnan	22
SR Tendulkar c Anderson b Broad	1
VVS Laxman c Broad b Bresnan	30
SK Raina b Anderson	4
*MS Dhoni c Strauss b Broad	77
A Mishra c Prior b Broad	4
P Kumar c Prior b Bresnan	26



FLASHBACK: Eoin Morgan, who made a Test ton against India at Edgbaston in 2011, pictured with Chris Tremlett ahead of the Test against Sri Lanka at The Ageas Bowl that same year.

I Sharma c Cook b Anderson	4
S Sreesanth not out	0
Extras (4 b, 14 lb)	18
Total	224
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-59, 3-60, 4-75, 5-92, 6-100, 7-111, 8-195, 9-224, 10-224	
Bowling: Anderson 21.2-3-69-2, Broad 17-6-53-4, Bresnan 20-4-62-4, Swann 4-0-22-0	

England first innings

*AJ Strauss b Mishra	87
AN Cook c Raina b Sharma	294
IR Bell b Kumar	34
KP Pietersen lbw b Kumar	63
EJG Morgan c Sehwag b Raina	104
RS Bopara lbw b Mishra	7
*MJ Prior c Tendulkar b Mishra	5
TT Bresnan not out	53
Extras (11 b, 34 lb, 15 nb, 3 w)	63
Total (7 wickets declared)	710
Fall of wickets: 1-186, 2-252, 3-374, 4-596, 5-60, 6-61, 7-710	
Bowling: Kumar 40-3-98-2, Sreesanth 36-4-158-0, Sharma 37-1-77-159-1, Mishra 43-2-150-3, Raina 28-1-83-1, Tendulkar 4-0-17-0	

India second innings

G Gambhir c Swann b Anderson	14
V Sehwag c Strauss b Anderson	0
RS Dravid c Prior b Anderson	18
SR Tendulkar run out (Swann)	40
VVS Laxman c Prior b Anderson	2
SK Raina lbw b Swann	10
*MS Dhoni not out	74
A Mishra c Broad b Swann	22
P Kumar c Bopara b Broad	0
I Sharma lbw b Broad	0
S Sreesanth c Pietersen b Bresnan	19
Extras	5
Total (all out, 249 minutes, 55.3 overs)	244
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-35, 3-40, 4-56, 5-87, 6-89, 7-130, 8-205, 9-221, 10-244	
Bowling: Anderson 18-3-85-4, Broad 12-4-28-2, Bresnan 10-3-3-19-1, Swann 13-1-88-2, Pietersen 2-0-12-0	
England won by an innings and 242 runs.	

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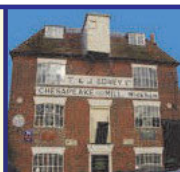
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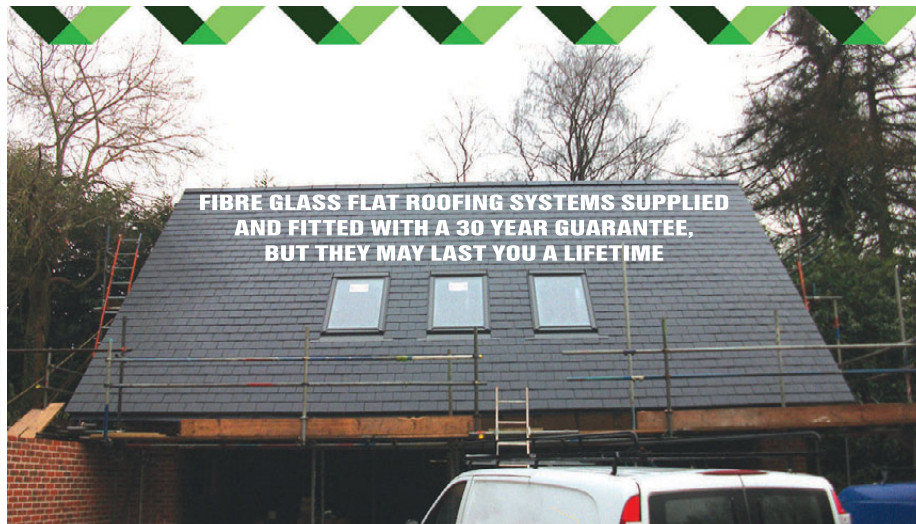
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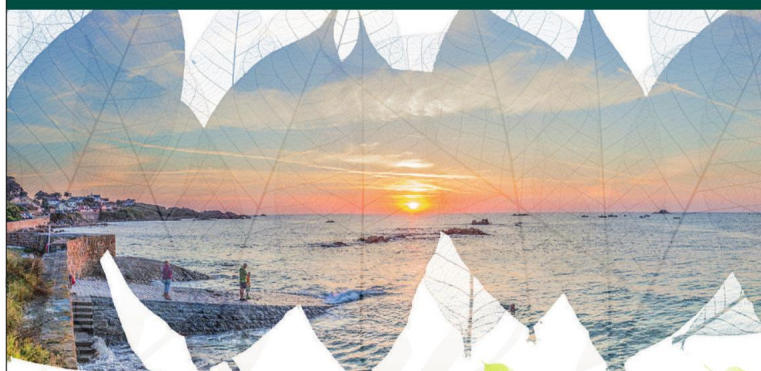
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Porter gets Test call-up

BASHLEY (Rydal) opener Michael Porter has been handed the opportunity to achieve a lifetime ambition – fielding for England in a Test match.

The 19-year-old is one of four players to have been chosen to fulfil 12th-man duties when England and India resume battle in the third Test at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl, starting tomorrow, **writes NEIL PERRETT.**

Porter, pictured below, received the call just minutes after he had made 96 in the first innings of Dorset's Minor Counties Championship clash against Oxfordshire on Monday.

"It wasn't what I had been expecting after just getting out!" said Porter. "It was a shock and a lovely surprise."

"I took a call from Giles White, director of cricket at Hampshire, and he asked if I would be interested in being 12th man for the Test. I jumped at the chance."

"It is every player's dream to be involved with their country and although I am obviously not in the select 11, it is the next best thing to possibly have the chance to field with them. It will be nice to meet the players and to be in the same changing room as them."



Porter, who starts at Southampton Solent University in September after completing a BTEC in sports performance at Brockenhurst College, spent two years on the Academy staff at Hampshire after progressing through the ranks at Dorset League Poole Town where he now coaches.

The Poole Grammar School old boy skippered Hampshire under-17s to the ECB County Championship final in 2012 and still harbours hope of carving out a career in the game. He was 12th man in Hampshire's T20 Blast win over Glamorgan at Cardiff last month.

Porter said: "Although I didn't field against Glamorgan, Giles White must have been pleased with what I did because he has asked me to do a Test match."

"As 12th man, your role is to help look after the players. You need to make sure the bowlers can have a drink when they are fielding at fine leg and get new gloves out to batsmen if they need them. If there is an injury or a bowler needs a rest or treatment, you need to be ready to field."

"It was a bit of a setback not being kept on after my time at the academy but this has given me a lot of confidence because it shows Hampshire are still interested and rate me as a player. I am still hoping I can get a few second team games in for them."

"If I don't make it as a cricketer, my goal is to be a PE teacher. But I am still only 19 and still have a couple of years to give it my best shot."



▼ **TERRY TRODD XI:** Back row (from left): Oli Jones, Chris Stone, Jake Lilley, Darren Rouse, Gareth Ransley, Ben Walker, Chris Wood. Front: Oli Mills, Michael Bates, Keith Trodd, Chris Morgan.

▼ **HAMPSHIRE UNDER-16 SQUAD:** Back row (from left): Harry Hovey, Ben Duggan, Rob Pike, Josh McCoy, Ollie Perrin, Jake Goodwin. Kneeling: Jadon Buckeridge, Tom Fay, Ben Caldera, Michael Haworth, Kieran Thompson.

IF HE was looking down from above – and knowing him it's highly likely he'd have been keeping a meticulous eye on proceedings – there's no doubt Terry Trodd would have given a nod of approval to the memorial match held in his name at Romsey this week.

Trodd, whose family name is inextricably linked with Old Tauntonians & Romsey, coached the cream of the county's youngsters for 25 years, until his death in 2008.

How appropriate the sun should beat down as a host of Terry's former charges, family and cricketing friends came to his old club for a special day of twenty20 cricket involving the current Hampshire Under-16 side and two OTs & Romsey Invitation XIs.

Hampshire stars Michael Bates, Liam Dawson and Chris Wood played alongside a host of other now household names in local Premier League cricket.

For the record, honours were shared – Oli Mills (72) and Mike Trodd (40) helping OTs to 181-4 and a win in the first game by 23 runs – but the Under-16s, boosted by a Josh McCoy spree of big hitting – gaining revenge after lunch.

All in all it was a hugely successful day, extremely well supported, with the proceeds helping to send the Hampshire Under-16s to the Jersey Festival in August.

Terry was a massive supporter of the Channel Islands tournament for more than 20 years and would unquestionably have approved.



SEVEN-WAY SURVIVAL FIGHT

DON'T look behind you! That's the warning in the Southern Electric Premier League, where as many as SEVEN clubs are looking over their shoulders as the battle for Premier Division survival intensifies.

With five more rounds of matches left after today – next Saturday is the final week of the increasingly maligned Time cricket – there is precious little in it between the seven clubs outside the top three, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

Anyone from Bashley (Rydal), in fourth place, down could be in trouble if results don't go their way.

If the league table were – hypothetically – to be rounded up to eight matches played, only 15 points would separate the bottom seven teams.

That's a situation which can be turned round in one match.

Only champions South Wilts, Havant and the Hampshire Academy

can look forward to the next month or so without any need to cast an anxious eye over the league standings.

Bashley, with their new signings on board, were expected to mix it with the likes of Havant and South Wilts, but after two wins in the weather ravaged opening session of 50-over cricket, they've not managed a positive result since.

Highly rated Australia Under-19 left-hander Jaron Morgan is among the Bashley players who will reflect on a dis-

appointing summer. He has made only 170 runs in eight knocks.

Their last six games have produced three draws and three defeats – the most recent a nine-wicket horror show against Alton, when Bashley were

shot out for 113.

Ventnor, without overseas support, plagued by bad weather and unable to host any cricket at Newclose for the best part of two months, have fashioned only one win so far – and are effectively only 11 points better off than Lymington on the bottom.

Skipper Mark Holmes may reflect on the need for a more positive approach in the upcoming games.

That nine-wicket win at Bashley sent Alton soaring several places off the bottom and reignited optimism in the Scott Myers camp

they could claw their way out of trouble.

Of the teams in the lower half, St C r o s s

Symondians have won more than anyone else – three in nine outings – but realistically they are only six points off the bottom.

The fractured

thumb Billy Walsh suffered against Burridge a couple of weeks ago may well put the left-handed New Zealander out for the remainder of the season, leaving Jordan Finney to guide a pretty young and inexperienced St Cross side through potentially choppy waters.

Last year's Division 1 champions, Burridge, need to put at least one more win on the board and avoid a tense finale with their new found Premier Division status hanging in the balance.

That leaves Totton & Eling and Lymington, currently the bottom two sides, in peril.

Totton have the advantage of South Australia prospect Cameron Valente in top form and capable of winning a game single handed.

But Lymington, with Darren Cowley hobbling, need a similar push from their Australian Damien Mortimer, pictured left, who has just over 250 league runs to his credit.

The next five or six weeks will be intriguing to put it mildly ...



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LYMO READY TO HAVE BIG SAY IN TITLE RACE

LYMINGTON are involved in two of the three upcoming matches that will more than likely shape the Hampshire League County Division 1 championship race.

They go to Ventnor's Steephill bowl today and next week host Gosport Borough – two vital games in the calendar, writes **MIKE VIMPANY**.

The other key match next Saturday sees Shrewton put their seven-match unbeaten record to the test at weather-bashed Ropley, who are in the thick of the promotion race after winning four of their five games.

Alongside Shrewton, Lymington are certainly the form team as the season reaches its 12th round of 17 fixtures.

Sadly, neither they nor Ventnor are anything like at full strength for today's joust by the seaside.

But Lymington go into the contest high on confidence after seven straight wins, the latest a tight 14-run success against Hook & Newnham Basics.

Luke Marshall's 88, which included 12 fours, underpinned Lymington's innings, but when he departed at 190-6, it was left to Guy Layman to crack a quick-fire 37 and put the town side in command at 263 all out.

Hook lost early wickets, but Sam Bruin's 71 kept the pot boiling, as did a late flurry from Derek Binns (25). But Basics, having needed 14 off 11 balls, fell short at 249 all out.

Third-placed Ropley got home by seven runs after teenager James Forrest (62) and the once youthful Nick Gerrard (56) helped post 248-9 at Ellingham.

It proved just about enough as Ellingham, after a hectic run chase, finished seven short at 241-8.

Rob Snell's 115 not out led Ventnor II to a four-wicket win against Sarisbury Athletic II at Allotment Road – a fourth successive victory for Ben Woodhouse's side.

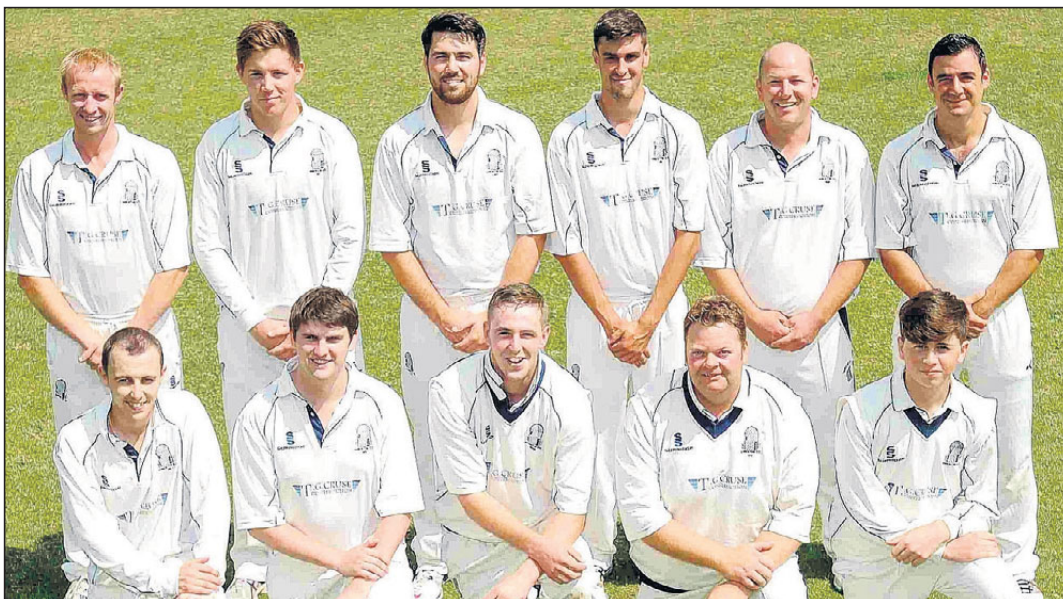
Left hander Snell, pictured below, who has struggled with a knee injury for much of the season, paced a fine knock expertly to lead a 249 run chase, striking nine fours and four sixes in an impressive run-a-ball innings.

The Ventnor all-rounder received support in a 71-run third wicket partnership from Pierre Kriel (33) before Martin Blackman (29) lent his backing to keep the visitors in the hunt.

At 193-6, with much work still to be done, skipper Woodhouse joined Snell and the pair saw their side home without further loss, adding 56 to clinch victory with 2.5 overs remaining.

Earlier in the proceedings, Sam Freemantle's hard hit innings of 101 dominated Sarisbury's 248 all out, with man of the match Snell, Hugh Calloway, Ben Herridge and David Beven each taking two wickets.

Island rivals Ryde haven't discount-



LEADING THE WAY: It's seven-up for table topping Shrewton, who sped to a seventh straight victory when they won by six wickets after bowling United Services out for 90 at Burnaby Road. They were effectively 24 points ahead at the top of County Division 1 going into potentially tricky matches against Ellingham today and at third-placed Ropley next week. Back row (from left): Paul Clancy, Sam Gillott, Marcus Jenkins, Jamie Mirchell, Rich Barnett, Tom Pottage. Front: Dan Bingley, Will Sleeman, Chris Brewer, Stu Cruse and Will Harries. Picture by Tom Gregory

Whittle takes 9-24 but still finishes a loser

HAMPSHIRE Under-15 pace bowler Kieran Whittle, pictured, took a career-best 9-24 for New Milton III's last weekend – but still finished on the losing side against Sway II in Regional Division 2 (West). His initial six-over spell produced figures

of six wickets for nine runs – including a hat-trick – and he returned after a mandatory break to mop up the tail to finish with a nine-wicket haul.

Sway collapsed from 43-0 to 63-6 in the wake of Whittle's wicket spree, but

recovered to reach 141 – a total beyond New Milton, who were dismissed for just 76.

A team loser he may have been, but Whittle had plenty of tell his Poole Grammar School classmates during the week ...



ed themselves from the promotion equation, though today's testing journey to Ropley will probably decide their season.

Brockenhurst College's Josh Procter and skipper Laurence Tolfrey shared a thumping 183-run stand as Ryde ran up 324-3 against relegation troubled Bournemouth II at Hardings Shute.

The chunky Procter smashed eight sixes and five fours in his undefeated 125, while Tolfrey hit 119, with two maximums and 13 fours.

Young Robbie Pack was the only Bournemouth bowler to emerge with any credit from the toasting – his ten overs of left-arm spin costing only 27 runs and included Tolfrey's wicket.

At 139-6 (Alex Kennedy 42), Bournemouth appeared to be making a mess of their response, but Christchurch raised Jack Owens (54) at least ensured some bonus points in the can at 220 all out.

Bournemouth's visit to St Cross Symondians III today will be hugely significant in the relegation zone, where five clubs are in peril.

It certainly didn't help Symondians' cause when last week's visit to rivals-in-distress Rowledge was called off after overnight rain.

Fareham & Crofton's Creekside derby with Portchester went ahead with the visitors claiming the bragging rights.

Put in on a Bath Lane damp top, Fareham lost their openers early on,

but rallied through Cam Saul (21) and Matt Gould (20).

At six down, Fareham needed a half-century from Luke Gould (50) to hoist them to 131 all out.

Andrew Webb (3-28) and Blake Barnwell (3-38) shared six wickets for Portchester, who lost two early wickets before Curtis Locke (32) and Tom Adams (37) got them on the victory path.

Zimbabwean Cam Saul, a wicket-keeper by trade, took 2-34 to get Fareham a bonus point and get himself into a groove for bowling at the India Test batsmen in the Ageas Bowl nets this week.

Stories of a certain Mohammed Shami being out-foxed by the Peterhouse teenager circulated his Wallington village in the past day or so.

Fareham's neighbours Gosport enjoyed a comfortable 122-run at New Milton, where Shaun McCarthy (75) top scored in Borough's 211-8.

Richard Edwards later took 5-42 as New Milton stumbled to 89 all out.

There was no shortage of runs at Warsash Road, where Brisbane teenager Jacob Wilson made 188 – the highest individual score in County 1 this season – as Purbrook piled up a colossal 367-3.

James Holder (109) joined in the fun before Alex Richardson's 73 helped Locks Heath post 203 in reply.

County Division 1										
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av	
Shrewton	7	7	0	0	39	35	0	158	22.57	
Lymington II	9	7	0	2	53	44	0	181	20.11	
Ropley	5	4	0	1	27	22	0	97	19.40	
Ventnor II	8	6	0	2	47	36	0	155	19.38	
Gosport B	8	6	0	2	45	32	0	149	18.63	
Portchester	7	5	0	2	35	32	0	127	18.14	
Ryde	8	4	1	3	40	33	0	127	15.88	
Ellingham	8	4	0	4	44	33	0	125	15.63	
Fareham & Cr	8	4	0	4	39	28	0	115	14.38	
Purbrook	7	3	0	4	34	28	0	98	14.00	
Hook & NB II	7	3	0	4	35	26	0	97	13.86	
Locks Heath	7	2	1	4	38	26	0	94	13.43	
New Milton II	9	4	0	5	35	32	0	115	12.78	
Bournemouth II	8	2	0	6	39	24	0	87	10.88	
Utd Services	10	3	0	7	33	32	0	101	10.10	
Sarisbury II	7	1	0	6	34	24	0	70	10.00	
St Cross III	8	2	0	6	22	32	0	78	9.75	
Rowledge II	5	0	0	5	15	15	0	30	6.00	

County Division 2										
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av	
OTs & Rom II	8	7	1	0	46	36	10	162	20.25	
Burridge II	7	5	0	2	37	28	0	125	17.86	
Havling Island	9	6	0	3	45	41	0	158	17.56	
Amport	9	6	0	3	48	37	0	157	17.44	
Bedhampton	9	5	0	4	45	37	0	142	15.78	
Compton & CF	8	4	1	3	35	30	0	119	14.88	
Old Basing	8	5	0	3	38	30	10	118	14.75	
Bransgore	7	4	0	3	26	26	0	100	14.29	
Hungerford	7	3	0	4	31	29	0	96	13.71	
Cadnam	8	3	0	5	36	33	0	105	13.33	
Highfield	6	2	0	4	34	16	0	74	12.33	
Basingstoke III	3	0	0	3	26	21	0	83	11.86	
Longparish	7	2	0	5	32	26	0	82	11.71	
Rowmer	6	2	0	4	26	17	0	67	11.17	
Liphook & R II	8	2	0	6	37	28	0	89	11.13	
Mudeford	7	2	0	5	23	26	0	73	10.43	
Easton & MW	7	2	0	5	21	25	0	70	10.00	

County Division 3 North										
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av	
Andover II	7	6	0	1	39	29	0	140	20.00	
East Woodhay	6	5	0	1	35	25	0	120	20.00	
Petersfield	7	5	0	2	38	34	0	132	18.86	
Redlynch	7	5	0	2	40	30	0	130	18.57	
St Cross IV	7	5	0	2	36	29	0	125	17.86	
OTs & Rom III	6	4	0	2	29	27	10	94	15.67	
Overton	6	3	0	3	32	23	0	91	15.17	
South Wilts III	7	4	0	3	43	23	10	104	14.86	
South Newton	6	3	0	3	25	25	0	86	14.33	
Hursley Park II	8	4	0	4	40	26	0	114	14.25	
Littletton & WH	6	3	0	3	23	22	0	81	13.50	
Steep	5	2	0	3	24	18	0	66	13.20	
Michelmers	7	3	0	4	27	28	0	91	13.00	
Harley W II	6	2	0	4	30	21	0	75	12.50	
Hook & NB III	6	2	0	4	23	25	0	72	12.00	
StLangford	7	1	0	6	27	42	10	71	10.14	
Wellow & PI	6	1	0	5	24	17	20	33	5.50	
Whitchurch	7	0	0	7	20	18	0	38	4.43	

County Division 3 South										
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av	
Sway	7	7	0	0	41	33	0	158	22.57	
Bishops W	7	6	0	1	44	31	0	147	21.00	
Sarisbury III	8	6	0	2	45	29	0	146	18.25	
Fair Oak II	7	5	0	2	35	29	0	124	17.71	
Hambledon II	8	4	0	4	38	31	0	129	16.13	
Follards	8	5	0	3	39	27	0	126	15.75	
So'ton Com	8	6	0	2	24	29	0	125	15.63	
Flamingo	7	4	0	3	33	28	0	109	15.57	
Calmore Sp II	7	4	0	4	36	35	0	119	14.88	
Langley M II	9	4	0	5	45	34	0	127	14.11	
Bramsham	7	3	0	4	35	23	0	94	13.43	
Portsmouth II	7	3	0	4	30	25	0	91	13.00	
Woodgreen	8	3	0	5	40	27	0	103	12.88	
Paultons II	8	3	0	5	36	30	0	102	12.75	
Trojans	8	3	0	5	40	25	0	101	12.63	
Purbrook II	8	3	0	5	38	22	0	94	10.44	
Fawley II	9	2	0	7	24	29	0	77	8.56	
Locks Hth II	9	0	0	9	30	21	0	51	5.67	

Division 4 North										
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av	
Liss	8	8	0	0	49	39	0	184	23.00	
Sparsholt II	6	5	0	1	30	26	0	116	19.33	
Mottisfont	7	6	0	1	35	26	0	133	19.00	
Hobbs	8	5	0	3	36	33	0	129	16.13	
Wherwell	7	4	0	3	28	32	0	108	15.43	
IBM Hursley	6	4	0	2	23	21	0	92	15.33	
Amesbury	7	4	0	3	28	29	0	105	15.00	
Alton II	7	3	0	4	32	31	0	99	14.14	
Donnington	6	3	0	3	24	23	0	83	13.83	
AWC Tadley	5	2	0	3	29	16	0	69	13.80	
Dinton	8	5	0	3	30	29	0	101	12.63	
Hurstbourne	8	3	0	5	38	22	0	97	12.13	
Winterslow	7	2	0	5	24	24	0	72	10.29	
Compton CF II	7	2	0	5	20	26	0	70	10.00	
Whiteparish	7	2	0	5	14	28	0	66	9.43	
Holybourne	7	2	0	5	16	25	0	65	9.29	
Crown Tav	6	1	0	5	20	20	0	52	8.67	
Andover III	7	1	0	6	19	18	0	49	7.00	

Division 4 South									
	P	W	T	L	Bt	Bw	P	Ttl	Av
Parley	8	8	0	0	48	34	0	178	22.25
Hythe & D	7	5	0	2	39	30	0	129	18.43
Verwood	8	6	0	2	41	34	0	147	18.38
Bidbury	7	5	0	2	28	29	0	117	16.71
Peartree	9	5	0	4	44	39	0	143	15.89
Gosport B II	8	4	0	4	41	35	0	124	15.50
Ryde II	6	3	0	3	32	22	0	90	15.00
Portsmouth S II	8	4	0	4	37	31	0	116	14.50
Bashley II	8	4	0	4	36	31	0	115	14.38
Old Netley	8	4	0	4	29	32	0	109	13.63
Ferndown	8	4	0	4	31	27	0	106	13.25
Emsworth	8	3	0	5	28	30	0	94	11.75
Compton	9	3	0	6	35	30	0	101	11.22
Wickham	6	2	0	4	20	20	0	64	10.67
Manbridge	7	2	0	5	27	20	0	71	10.14
Bishops W II	9	2	0	7	36	29	0	89	9.89
Ellingham II	7	2	0	5	32	23	20	59	8.43
Tilf Services II	7	2	0	5	21	15	20	49	5.71

Championship ins and outs

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ROTHERHAM

In: Conor Newton (Newcastle, free), Matt Derbyshire (Nottingham Forest, free), Kirk Broadfoot (Blackpool, free), Jordan Bowery (Aston Villa, undisclosed), Scott Loach (Ipswich, free), Mat Sadler (Crawley, free), Frazer Richardson (Middlesbrough, free), Febian Brandy (Sheff Utd, free), Paul Green (Leeds, free), Richard Wood (Charlton, free), Ryan Hall (MK Dons, free)

Out: Michael O'Connor, Claude Davis, Danny Schofield, David Noble, Lionel Ainsworth, (all released), Nicky Adams (Bury, undisclosed), Danny Hylton (Oxford, free), Wes Thomas (Birmingham, free), Scott Shearer (Crewe, free), Kayode Odejayi (Tranmere, free)

SHEFFIELD WED

In: Matt Young (Southampton, free), Ed Sanders (Stoke, free), Paul McElroy (Hull, free), Kieren Westwood (Sunderland, free), Sam Hutchinson (Chelsea, free)

Out: Jermaine Johnson, Miguel Llera, Arron Jameson, Anthony Gardner, Martin Taylor, David Prutton (all released), Danny Mayor (Bury, undisclosed), Adam Davies (Barnsley, free), Taylor McKenzie (Notts County, free), Reda Johnson (Coventry, free)



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WATFORD

In: Heurelho Gomes (Tottenham, free), Gabriel Tamas (Doncaster, free), Craig Cathcart (Blackpool, free), Matej Vydra (Udinese, loan), Daniel Tozser (Parma, loan), Juan Carlos Paredes (Granada, undisclosed)

Out: Manuel Almunia, Marco Cassetti, Ross Jenkins, Nyrton Nosworthy, Fitz Hall, Lucas Neill (all released)

WIGAN ATHLETIC

In: Andrew Taylor (Cardiff, undisclosed), Aaron Taylor-Sinclair (Partick, free), James Tavernier (Newcastle, undisclosed), Oriol Riera (Osasuna, undisclosed), Don Cowie (Cardiff, free)

Out: Jean Beausejour, Stephen Crainey, Markus Holgersson, Jordan Mustoe, Adam Buxton (all released), Jordi Gomez (Sunderland, free), Danny Redmond (Hamilton, free)

WOLVES

In: Tommy Rowe (Peterborough, free), Rajiv van La Parra (Heerenveen, free)

Out: Jamie Reckord, Tim Jakobsson, Jamie Tank, Jordan Cranston, Robbie Parry, Sam Whittall, Kristian Kostov, David Moli (all released), Michael Ihiekwe (Tranmere, free)

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STEVENAGE

Craig Reid (Kidderminster, free), Sam Wedgbury (Forest Green, free), Jimmy Smith (Crawley, undisclosed), Luke Jones (Mansfield, free), Lucas Akins (Burton, undisclosed), Peter Hartley (Plymouth, free), James Dunne (Portsmouth, undisclosed), Luke Freeman (Bristol C, undisclosed), Steve Arnold (Forest Green, free)

TRANMERE ROVERS

In: Matt Gill (Exeter, free), Eliot Richards (Bristol Rovers, free), Michael Ihiekwe (Wolves, free), Marcus Holness (Burton, free), Kayode Odejayi (Rotherham, free), Marc Laird (Southend, free)

Out: Ian Goodison, Callum Morris (both released), Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (Shrewsbury, free), Evan Horwood (Northampton, free), Ryan Lowe (Bury, undisclosed), Jason Mooney (York, free), James Wallace (Sheffield United, free), Ash Taylor (Aberdeen, free)

WYCOMBE

In: Aaron Pierre (Brentford, free), Paul Hayes (Scunthorpe, free), Sido Jombati (Cheltenham, free), Peter Murphy (Accrington, free), Joe Jacobson (Shrewsbury, free), Alex Lynch (Peterborough, free), Nathan Evans (Whitby Town, free)

Out: Leon Johnson, Jo Kuffour, Anthony Jeffrey, Dean Morgan, Jon-Paul Pittman, Matt Spring (all released), Jesse Kewley-Graham (Hampton & Richmond, free), Marvin McCoy (York, free), Lee Angol (Luton, free)

YORK CITY

In: Femi Ilesanmi (Dagenham, free), Jason Mooney (Tranmere, free), Jake Hyde (Barnet, compensation), Marvin McCoy (Wycombe, free), Anthony Straker (Southend, free), Dave Winfield (Shrewsbury, free), Luke Summerfield (Shrewsbury, free), Lindon Meikle (Mansfield, free)

Out: Sander Puri, Adam Reed, Calvin Andrew, Tom Allan, Chris Dickinson, Shaq McDonald (all released), Lanre Oyebanjo (Crawley, free), Ryan Bowman (Torquay, free), David McGurk (Harrogate, free)



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closed), Craig Alcock (Peterborough, free), Harrison McGahey (Blackpool, tribunal)

Out: Matt Hill, Shaun Miller, Darryl Westlake, Elliott Whitehouse, Jasper Johns, Jordan Hodder, Jahmal Smith, Febian Brandy (all released), Lyle Taylor (Scunthorpe, undischosed), Sean McGinty (Rochdale, free)

SWINDON TOWN

In: Josue Antonio (Staines, free),

Anton Rodgers (Oldham, free)

Out: Nile Ranger, Jay McEveley, Paul Benson, Alex Ferguson, Mark Francis, Leigh Bedwell, Aaron Oakley, Dany N'Guessan (all released), Lee Cox (Plymouth, free), Troy Archibald-Henville (Carlisle, free), Miles Storey (Portsmouth, loan).

WALSALL

In: Craig MacGillivray (Harrogate, compensation), James O'Connor (Derby, free), Tom Bradshaw (Shrewsbury, free), Jordan Cook

(Charlton, free)

Out: Troy Hewitt, Danny Griffiths, Shane Lewis, Liam Roberts, Nicky Featherstone, Ben George, James McQuilkin, Ashley Hemmings (all released), Andy Butler (Sheff Utd, free), Craig Westcarr (Portsmouth, free), Alex Dallison (Stourbridge), Aris Christopherou (Rushall Olympic).

YEovil TOWN

In: Nathan Smith (Chesterfield, free), Aaron Martin (Birmingham,

free), AJ Leitch-Smith (Crewe, free), Artur Krysiak (Exeter, free), Chris Weale (Shrewsbury, free), Jakub Sokolik (Liverpool, free), James Barrett (Carlisle, free), Brendan Moloney, (Bristol City, free), Ben Nugent (Cardiff, loan)

Out: Jamie McAllister, Ruben Palazuelos (both released), Marek Stech (Sparta Prague, free), Reuben Reid (Plymouth, free), Chris Dunn (Cambridge, free), Byron Webster (Millwall, free), Luke Ayling (Bristol City, compensation), Joey Jones (Woking, free)



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